

Department of Planning and Budget 2023 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB1874-H1

House of Origin	<input type="checkbox"/> Introduced	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Engrossed
Second House	<input type="checkbox"/> In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Enrolled

2. Patron: Helmer

3. Committee: Health, Welfare, and Institutions

4. Title: Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program; Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women.

5. Summary: Prohibits the Board of Social Services from requiring persons applying to participate or renewing their participation in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program to appear in person, except as otherwise required by federal law of regulations.

The bill also codifies the Department of Health's authority to implement a Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC program), which is currently authorized by regulation, and prohibits the Department of Health from requiring persons applying to participate or renewing their participation in the WIC program to appear in person, except as otherwise required by federal law of regulations.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary. No fiscal impact. See Item 8.

8. Fiscal Implications: This bill codifies the current Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) program run by the Department of Health (VDH). In addition, the bill prohibits VDH from requiring applicants to appear in person, except as otherwise required by federal law of regulations. VDH indicates that there is no fiscal impact to the agency.

Additionally, this legislation prohibits the Department of Social Services from requiring that Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) applicants or renewing recipients must appear in person as a condition of participation, except as otherwise required by federal law of regulations. The amended version of the bill codifies current practice, while remaining aligned with federal regulation; therefore, this bill does not have a fiscal impact on the Department of Social Services.

According to the Department, the Office of the Attorney General has no remaining concerns with this bill in its substitute form.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Department of Social Services, local departments of social services, Virginia Department of Health

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.