

Department of Planning and Budget

2023 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB2290-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: Brewer

3. Committee: Passed the House

4. Title: Judgment or order; pregnancy and delivery expenses.

5. Summary: Provides that in the event that an initial petition for the establishment of parentage is commenced within six months of the live birth of a child, any judgment or order establishing such parentage shall, except for good cause shown or as otherwise agreed to by the parties, direct the legal parent to pay a share of reasonable expenses incurred by the mother for the benefit of the child prior to the birth of the child, unless already granted or reimbursed by an employer or government program. The bill further provides that the court may award those reasonable expenses incurred by either legal parent for the benefit of the child prior to the birth of the child.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary. See Item 8.

8. Fiscal Implications: Virginia law currently provides a mechanism for courts to order parents to share the reasonable and necessary medical costs of pregnancy and delivery expenses, with the division of costs being proportionate to the incomes of each parent. This bill, as amended, would specify that the initial petition for the establishment of parentage, when commenced within six months of the live birth of a child, shall apportion between the legal parents, in proportion to the legal parents' gross incomes, the mother's unpaid pregnancy and delivery expenses, as defined in the bill, and those reasonable expenses incurred by either parent for the benefit of the child prior to the birth of the child. Exceptions can be made for good cause shown or as otherwise agreed to by the parties. As amended, this bill does not have a fiscal impact on the Department of Social Services.

According to the Department of Medical Assistance Services (DMAS), this bill has no impact on its operations. According to the Supreme Court, this bill has no impact on the operations of Juvenile and Domestic Relations Courts.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Department of Social Services, Department of Medical Assistance Services, Juvenile and Domestic Relations Courts

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.