Department of Planning and Budget
2009 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. **Bill Number:** SB 1237

   House of Origin   X   Introduced   ___   Substitute   ___   Engrossed

   Second House   ___   In Committee   ___   Substitute   ___   Enrolled

2. **Patron:**   Barker, George L.

3. **Committee:** Courts of Justice

4. **Title:**   Child support; amends guidelines related to provision of health insurance or health care costs

5. **Summary:** Senate Bill 1237 would:
   - Clarify that the spouse of a parent obligated to provide health care coverage may pay such cost for the dependent child or children, and that cost will be added to the basic child support obligation.
   - Expand the definition of "health care coverage" to include "cash medical support."
   - Clarify that employers are required to notify the Division of Child Support Enforcement (DCSE) when the parent providing health care coverage for the children is terminated.
   - Amend the Code regarding the timing of review and adjustment of child support cases.

6. **No Fiscal Impact**

7. **Budget Amendment Necessary:** No

8. **Fiscal Implications:** None

9. **Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:**
   Division of Child Support Enforcement

10. **Technical Amendment Necessary:** No

11. **Other Comments:** The Division of Child Support Enforcement (DCSE) maintain that the provisions of this legislation are required by the federal Deficit Reduction Act (DRA) of 2005, as mandated in 42 U.S.C. 666. There is a potential loss of federal funding for the Virginia Child Support Enforcement Program if DCSE is found to be out of compliance with the OCSE IV-D State Plan.

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