

## Department of Planning and Budget 2012 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number:** HB1230

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

**2. Patron:** Orrock

**3. Committee:** Health, Welfare and Institutions

**4. Title:** Privatization of the Virginia Office for Protection and Advocacy.

**5. Summary:** Requires the Director of the Virginia Office for Protection and Advocacy (VOPA) and the Board for Protection and Advocacy to establish a nonprofit organization to provide advocacy, legal, and ombudsman services to persons with disabilities in compliance with state and federal law no later than December 31, 2013, and eliminates the VOPA as of January 1, 2014.

**6. Budget Amendment Necessary:** No

**7. Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Indeterminate

**8. Fiscal Implications:** VOPA reports that they would need to obtain legal counsel for the transition and establishment of a non-profit, which would cost approximately \$50,000. They also indicate that an external audit would also be necessary costing estimated \$10,000 and they anticipate the need to acquire accounting software costing an estimated \$25,000. Estimates are based on the experience of the Ohio Office for Protection and Advocacy which is currently separating from state government. Finally, the 27 employees of VOPA would be eligible for WTA, which is estimated at approximately \$1 million.

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Virginia Office for Protection and Advocacy

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** no

**11. Other Comments:** n/a

**Date:** 1/25/12

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