

Department of Planning and Budget 2012 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB1230

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

2. Patron: Orrock

3. Committee: Passed both houses

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 Virginia Office for Protection and Advocacy as of January 1, 2014. The bill also provides that employees of the Virginia Office for Protection and Advocacy who transition to employment with the nonprofit organization shall not be subject to the provisions of the Workforce Transition Act.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Minimal, see Item 8.

8. Fiscal Implications: VOPA reports that any costs associated with this transition can be absorbed through their current budget. The amended legislation removes any WTA costs and payments. The Secretary of Health and Human Resources, or his designee, may incur some minimal costs working with VOPA to develop the implementation plan.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Virginia Office for Protection and Advocacy, Secretary of Health and Human Resources

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: no

11. Other Comments: n/a

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