

Department of Planning and Budget 2014 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB 912

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

2. Patron: Herring, Charniele L.

3. Committee: Health, Welfare and Institutions

4. Title: Virginia Initiative for Employment Not Welfare (VIEW); Workforce Development Pilot Program, report

5. Summary: The proposed legislation directs the Department of Social Services to establish a Workforce Development Pilot Program. This program would allow participants to divide their employment requirement between work and up to 15 hours of educational and vocational programs where an assessment shows participation will improve their chances of achieving self-sufficiency. The existing employment requirements under the VIEW program will be waived for its participants.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No

7. Minimal Fiscal Impact: See item 8.

8. Fiscal Implications: The Department of Social Services reports that all of the alternatives provided for in the legislation are currently available for VIEW participants. Therefore, there would be no expected change in benefits or services as a result of this bill. There may be some staff effort to formally establish the pilot program and perform the annual assessment; however, it is assumed that these duties would be absorbed by existing staff without any additional expenditure.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Department of Social Services

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: None.

Date: 1/22/14