

Department of Planning and Budget 2015 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB 1423

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: Barker, George L.

3. Committee: Passed Both Houses

4. Title: Foster care; placement of children, local board shall conduct a search of Putative Father Registry

5. Summary: The enrolled bill requires local departments of social services to, within 30 days of accepting for foster care placement a person under 18 years of age whose father is unknown, request a search of the Putative Father Registry. If the search results indicate that a man has registered as the putative father of the child, the local board must contact the man to begin the process to determine paternity.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No

7. Minimal Fiscal Impact

8. Fiscal Implications: Currently, the Department of Social Services conducts Putative Father Registry searches for a multitude of requestors including local departments, private adoption agencies, in and out of state attorneys, birth mothers, etc. These requests are mostly to fulfill the adoption requirement in the Code of Virginia to perform due diligence in locating the birth parents before a legal adoption order can be completed. The department estimates that the additional requests and searches required as a result of this legislation would have a minimal impact.

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

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: None

Date: 2/25/15