

Department of Planning and Budget

2018 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB939

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: Lopez

3. Committee: Health, Welfare and Institutions

4. Title: Adoption by person other than spouse of parent.

5. Summary: Provides that a person other than the spouse of a birth parent or parent by adoption may adopt a child if (i) the child has only one parent or the child is the result of surrogacy and the surrogate consents, (ii) the adoption would not terminate the parental rights of the parent, and (iii) the parent joins in the adoption petition for the purpose of indicating his consent.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: See Item 8.

8. Fiscal Implications: This bill does not have a fiscal impact. The legislation adds a new section to the Code of Virginia, relating to adoption by a person other than the spouse of a birth or adoptive parent. The content of this bill may marginally increase the number of adoption records the Department of Social Services is required to store due to an increase in the number of private adoptions. No additional funding is required to implement this bill, as these costs can be absorbed within the current appropriation.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Department of Social Services, local departments of social services

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.