Department of Planning and Budget
2019 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. **Bill Number:** HB1979

House of Origin	☒	Introduced	☐	Substitute	☐ Engrossed
Second House	☐	In Committee	☐	Substitute	☐ Enrolled

2. **Patron:** Sullivan

3. **Committee:** Courts of Justice

4. **Title:** Assisted conception.

5. **Summary:** Amends the assisted conception statute to provide gender-neutral terminology. The bill allows an unmarried individual to be an intended parent, paralleling the ability of an unmarried individual to adopt under the adoption statutes. The bill further allows for the use of an embryo owned by an intended parent in a surrogacy arrangement. The bill contains technical amendments.

6. **Budget Amendment Necessary**: No.

7. **No Fiscal Impact.**

8. **Fiscal Implications:** This bill would not have a fiscal impact on the Commonwealth. Adoptions through assisted conception are managed through private adoption agencies; however, all finalized orders are processed through the Department of Social Services. Any increase in finalized orders as a result of this bill would be minimal, and the additional workload could be absorbed through current staffing levels. The Virginia Department of Health has stated that this bill would not have a fiscal impact on the agency.

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

10. **Technical Amendment Necessary:** No.

11. **Other Comments:** None.