

Department of Planning and Budget 2019 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB 2017

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: Peace, Christopher K.

3. Committee: Health, Welfare and Institutions

4. Title: Auxiliary grants; supportive housing

5. Summary: The proposed legislation allows individuals receiving auxiliary grants to select supportive housing without any requirement that such individuals wait until their first or any subsequent annual reassessment to make such a selection. The bill directs the Commissioner for Aging and Rehabilitative Services to (i) promulgate regulations to implement the provisions of the bill within 180 days of its enactment and (ii) develop guidance documents for implementation of the provisions of the bill no later than February 1, 2020.

The bill also increases the maximum number of auxiliary grant recipients in supportive housing from 60 to 120.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: Yes. The Appropriation Act currently limits the number of auxiliary grant recipients in supportive housing to 60. As Appropriation Act provisions supersede the Code of Virginia, this number would need to be modified in the Act for the supportive housing limit to be increased.

7. No Fiscal Impact

8. Fiscal Implications: The current cap on the number of auxiliary grant recipients who can elect supportive housing is 60 (set in Code of Virginia and Appropriation Act language). The Department for Aging and Rehabilitative Services indicates that the actual number of auxiliary grant recipients in supportive housing is currently 33. While this number is expected to increase, it is not projected to exceed 60 in the current biennium even with the bill's provision to eliminate the assisted living facility residency requirement. However, the potential maximum cost of adding 60 supportive housing "slots" is estimated to be \$361,728 assuming the current maximum auxiliary grant rate, effective July 1, 2019. Assuming the trend of declining auxiliary grant payments continues in FY 2020, it is estimated that the FY 2020 general fund appropriation for the auxiliary grant program included in the Governor's introduced budget would be sufficient to cover this added cost.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:

Local Departments of Social Services
Department of Social Services
Department for Aging and Rehabilitative Services

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: This bill is a companion to SB 1286.