

Department of Planning and Budget

2020 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB1410

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| 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: Roem

3. Committee: Health, Welfare, and Institutions

4. Title: Food stamps; Restaurant Meals Program.

5. Summary: Directs the Department of Social Services to participate in the Restaurant Meals Program (RMP) of the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). The bill requires the Department to develop and implement a plan to begin such participation no later than January 1, 2021.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: See Item 8.

8. Fiscal Implications: This legislation will allow qualifying SNAP recipients (elderly, disabled, and/or homeless) to use SNAP benefits to purchase prepared meals from authorized providers, such as restaurants and meal delivery services. The workload to develop and implement a plan to begin participation in the Restaurant Meal Program can be absorbed within current staffing levels because the recipients will be current SNAP clients. There is a one-time estimated cost of \$100,000 (\$50,000 general fund and \$50,000 nongeneral funds) associated with Virginia Case Management System (VaCMS) modifications. However, this can be absorbed within current funding levels and 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.