

Department of Planning and Budget

2020 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB1025-E

House of Origin	<input type="checkbox"/> Introduced	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Engrossed
Second House	<input type="checkbox"/> In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Enrolled

2. Patron: Dunnavant

3. Committee: Passed the Senate

4. Title: Kinship foster care; training and approval processes.

5. Summary: Requires local boards of social services to request a waiver of training requirements necessary for the approval of a kinship foster parent upon determining that training requirements are a barrier to placement with the kinship foster parent and that such placement is in the child's best interest. The bill prohibits local boards from requiring that a child be removed from the physical custody of a kinship foster parent during such approval process. The bill requires the Department of Social Services to (i) develop a training program that is tailored to persons seeking approval as a kinship foster parent, (ii) develop a document that provides comprehensive information regarding kinship foster care, and (iii) provide training to local boards regarding the process through which a person may be approved as a kinship foster parent without requiring removal of the child from the physical custody of such person. The engrossed bill requires the agency to promulgate regulations. Additionally, the bill exempts the initial adoption of regulations necessary to implement the bill from the Administrative Process Act.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: See Item 8.

8. Fiscal Implications: Currently, training requirements in Virginia are handled by several universities through the CRAFFT contract. The contract is currently able to absorb the training and technical assistance required by this legislation. There is no expected fiscal impact on the Department of Social Services or the local departments of social services.

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.