

Department of Planning and Budget

2020 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB706-ER

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

2. Patron: Obenshain

3. Committee: Passed Both Houses

4. Title: Human trafficking assessments by local departments.

5. Summary: Changes the name of sex trafficking assessments to human trafficking assessments and allows local departments of social services conducting such human trafficking assessments to interview the alleged child victim or his siblings without the consent and outside the presence of such child's or siblings' parent, guardian, legal custodian, or other person standing in loco parentis, or school personnel. This bill is a recommendation of the Virginia State Crime Commission.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: None.

8. Fiscal Implications: This bill does not have a fiscal impact.

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

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: This bill codifies the authority of the LDSS, when conducting a human trafficking assessment, to interview a child immediately and outside the presence of a parent, guardian, or legal custodian. Currently, if a parent or guardian refuses to allow the child to be interviewed, the local department of social services employee may consult with the county or city attorney to determine whether to petition to request access to the child.