

Department of Planning and Budget

2021 Special Session I Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB2206

House of Origin ☐ Introduced ☐ Substitute ☐ Engrossed

Second House ☐ In Committee ☐ Substitute ☒ Enrolled

2. Patron: Filler-Corn

3. Committee: Passed both houses

4. Title: Child Care Assistance Program; emergency.

5. Summary: Creates the COVID-19 Child Care Assistance Program (the Program) to provide financial assistance for child care to families in need during the public health emergency caused by COVID-19, administered by the Department of Social Services in partnership with the Department of Education. The bill provides that an applicant shall be eligible to participate in the Program if (i) the family's income does not exceed 85 percent of the state median income, (ii) the family includes at least one child who is five years of age or younger and has not yet started kindergarten, and (iii) the family meets all other income and eligibility requirements of the Program. Requires the Department of Social Services to update its child target rate for the Child Care Subsidy Program based on the expanded eligibility criteria established in the bill, not to exceed its revised child target rate for fiscal year 2022. The bill contains an emergency clause, and Program assistance is available for applicants who apply prior to August 1, 2021.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Final, see Item 8.

8. Fiscal Implications: The additional cost to meet the requirements of this bill can be supported by federal Child Care Development Block Grant (CCDBG) funding received pursuant to the federal Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021. The Virginia Department of Social Services (VDSS) and Virginia Department of Education (VDOE) anticipate that state administrative costs related to the program also can be supported with these federal funds.

Local departments of social services may experience greater caseloads as a result of this program. VDSS anticipates that 100 percent of the local cost related to this program can be supported by the CCDBG emergency relief funds.

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

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: None