

Department of Planning and Budget 2024 Session Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB992-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: Tran

3. Committee: Passed the House

4. Title: Local departments of social services; agreements with local workforce development boards.

5. Summary: Directs each local department of social services (local department) to develop and enter into a written agreement with the local workforce development board serving the jurisdiction served by the local department. The bill requires that such agreement (i) provide for the coordinated provision of workforce development services to participants in the Virginia Initiative for Education and Work and the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Employment and Training and (ii) comply with any other requirements established by the Department of Social Services.

The engrossed bill adds language stating that no recipient shall be subject to denial of SNAP benefits for failure to participate in such coordinated provision of workforce development services and that each local workforce development board entering into such agree shall ensure that the agreement incorporates elements sufficient to satisfy the requirements of subdivisions 19 and 10 of § 2.2-24172 of the Code of Virginia.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. No fiscal impact.

8. Fiscal Implications: The bill requires coordination between local departments of social services and local workforce boards, as well as technical assistance provided by the Department of Social Services and the Virginia Board of Workforce Development; however, the amount of time and effort is likely to be minimal and can be absorbed within current appropriation.

The engrossed bill adds language stating that no recipient shall be subject to denial of SNAP benefits for failure to participate in such coordinated provision of workforce development services. However, SNAP participants who qualify as Able-Bodied Adults without Dependents (ABWD) are required by the federal government to participate in a work or training activity, or their SNAP benefits are terminated after three months. In this case, if the ABWD SNAP participant chooses not to participate in coordinated workforce development

services under the auspices of this bill, they will lose their SNAP benefits after the time limit, unless they are participating in a different qualifying work or training program, per federal rules.

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

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.