

Department of Planning and Budget 2023 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. **Bill Number:** SB1007

House of Origin Introduced Substitute Engrossed
Second House In Committee Substitute Enrolled

2. **Patron:** Hashmi

3. **Committee:** Education and Health

4. **Title:** Board of Education; Child Care Subsidy Program; extending scope of eligibility.

5. **Summary:** Directs the Board of Education to amend its regulations for the Child Care Subsidy Program to expand the scope of eligibility to apply for the Program to any foster parent of a child placed in the foster parent's home if, at the time of eligibility determination or redetermination, the child (i) meets the criteria for eligibility currently set forth in the Board's regulations or (ii) is between the ages of 13 and 17 but otherwise meets the criteria for eligibility set forth in the Board's regulations, provided that there is documented evidence that such child between the ages of 13 and 17 has exhibited tendencies toward self-harm or harm to others.

6. **Budget Amendment Necessary:** Yes, Item 129

7. **Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Preliminary, see Item 8.

8. **Fiscal Implications:** The Department of Education can absorb any costs to amend regulations within existing staff.

Child Care Subsidy Program (CCSP) payments are made out of federal Child Care Development Funds (CCDF) awarded to Virginia. In order to receive regular federal CCDF funds, applicants to the CCSP must meet the minimum federal requirements, in addition to any additional state requirements. At this time, based on federal guidelines, it is unlikely that children over the age of 13 can be served with federal dollars unless additional federal criteria are met. Federal CCDF funds could be supplemented with additional state general funds or state nongeneral funds to cover all applicants eligible under this provision; however, this would require a budget amendment and state funding. It is not possible to estimate the exact number of additional families who would apply under this categorical eligibility, and the actual fiscal impact is indeterminate. If the increase in the number of applicants causes there to be insufficient funds to serve all eligible families, DOE will need to implement a waitlist for families applying to the CCSP.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Board of Education, Department of Education

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: None