



Economic Impact Analysis Virginia Department of Planning and Budget

22 VAC 40-630 – General Relief Disability Advocacy Project
Department of Social Services
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Summary of the Proposed Amendments to Regulation

The State Board of Social Services (Board) proposes to repeal its regulations for the General Relief Disability Advocacy Project.

Result of Analysis

The benefits likely exceed the costs for all proposed changes.

Estimated Economic Impact

Currently, the Board has several sets of regulations, including the General Relief Disability Advocacy Project, which allow localities the option of providing assistance to individuals who do not qualify for more regular types (food stamps, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, Medicaid, etc) of Social Services aid. The Disability Advocacy Project, for instance, provides legal assistance referrals for individuals whose Social Security Income (SSI) disability claims have been denied and who are going through the appeals process.

The Board is in the process of promulgating one, comprehensive, set of regulations to cover the disparate aid programs, including the Disability Advocacy Project, which local Departments of Social Services can optionally implement. The repeal of all affected separate regulations **except those for the General Relief Disability Advocacy Project** was proposed as part of that regulatory package (22 VAC 40-411, stage # 4564). The Board now proposes to repeal the Disability Advocacy Project because these regulations will now be redundant and unnecessary. Because the rules for the Disability Advocacy Project will not be changed (they will just be moved to the comprehensive regulation), affected individuals are unlikely to incur any costs on account of this regulatory proposal. Local Departments of Social Services will

likely find it beneficial to have all the rules for these smaller optional programs in one set of regulations.

Businesses and Entities Affected

This proposed regulatory action will affect all local Departments of Social Services (LDSS) that choose to implement this optional program. Currently, 83 LDSS provide Disability Advocacy Project assistance.

Localities Particularly Affected

This proposed regulatory action will particularly affect LDSS that choose to implement the Disability Advocacy Project.

Projected Impact on Employment

This regulatory action will likely have no impact on employment in the Commonwealth.

Effects on the Use and Value of Private Property

This regulatory action will likely have no effect on the use or value of private property in the Commonwealth.

Small Businesses: Costs and Other Effects

Small businesses in the Commonwealth are unlikely to incur any costs on account of this regulatory action.

Small Businesses: Alternative Method that Minimizes Adverse Impact

Small businesses in the Commonwealth are unlikely to incur any costs on account of this regulatory action.

Real Estate Development Costs

This regulatory action will likely have no effect on real estate development costs in the Commonwealth.

Legal Mandate

The Department of Planning and Budget (DPB) has analyzed the economic impact of this proposed regulation in accordance with Section 2.2-4007.H of the Administrative Process Act and Executive Order Number 36 (06). Section 2.2-4007.H requires that such economic impact

analyses include, but need not be limited to, the projected number of businesses or other entities to whom the regulation would apply, the identity of any localities and types of businesses or other entities particularly affected, the projected number of persons and employment positions to be affected, the projected costs to affected businesses or entities to implement or comply with the regulation, and the impact on the use and value of private property. Further, if the proposed regulation has adverse effect on small businesses, Section 2.2-4007.H requires that such economic impact analyses include (i) an identification and estimate of the number of small businesses subject to the regulation; (ii) the projected reporting, recordkeeping, and other administrative costs required for small businesses to comply with the regulation, including the type of professional skills necessary for preparing required reports and other documents; (iii) a statement of the probable effect of the regulation on affected small businesses; and (iv) a description of any less intrusive or less costly alternative methods of achieving the purpose of the regulation. The analysis presented above represents DPB's best estimate of these economic impacts.