



Economic Impact Analysis Virginia Department of Planning and Budget

**22 VAC 40-690 – Virginia Child Care Provider Scholarship Program
Department of Social Services
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Summary of the Proposed Amendments to Regulation

The State Board of Social Services (Board) proposes to amend its regulations that govern the Virginia Child Care Provider Scholarship Program which provides funds to child care providers to pay for undergraduate courses. The Board proposes to update Code of Virginia citations, clarify that the program is subject to availability of funds and update the form number.

Result of Analysis

Benefits likely outweigh costs for all proposed changes.

Estimated Economic Impact

While current language in these regulations does not specify that scholarships dispersed under this program are subject to availability of funds; by statute, they are. The Board proposes to specify in the regulations that this program is subject to the availability of funds. This change provides greater conformity to authorizing statutes and adds clarity to these regulations which will benefit interested parties.

The Board also proposes to update regulatory language that lays out the appeals process so that it conforms to the Administrative Process Act and to update a reference to the form that scholarship applicants have to fill out. Again, these changes add clarity to the regulations and, therefore, will benefit interested parties. No entity is likely to incur costs on account of any of these proposed changes.

Businesses and Entities Affected

Board staff reports that only a small number of child care providers receive scholarships under this program so only a small number of individuals will be affected by these proposed changes.

Localities Particularly Affected

No locality will be particularly affected by this proposed regulatory action.

Projected Impact on Employment

This proposed regulatory action is unlikely to have any effect on employment in the Commonwealth.

Effects on the Use and Value of Private Property

These proposed regulatory changes are unlikely to affect the use or value of private property in the Commonwealth.

Small Businesses: Costs and Other Effects

No small business is likely to incur any costs on account of this regulatory action.

Small Businesses: Alternative Method that Minimizes Adverse Impact

No small business is likely 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 2.2-4007.04 of the Administrative Process Act and Executive Order Number 14 (10). Section 2.2-4007.04 requires that such economic impact analyses include, but need not be limited to, a determination of the public benefit, 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 an adverse effect on small businesses, Section 2.2-4007.04 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.