

Office of Regulatory Management
Economic Review Form

Agency name	Department of Social Services-Division of Family Services
Virginia Administrative Code (VAC) Chapter citation(s)	N/A
VAC Chapter title(s)	N/A
Action title	Virginia Department of Social Services (VDSS) Child and Family Services Manual -Chapter A: Practice Foundations, Section 2: Family Engagement; and -Chapter B: Prevention, Section 2: Prevention and In-Home Services to Families
Date this document prepared	May 20, 2025
Regulatory Stage (including Issuance of Guidance Documents)	N/A

Cost Benefit Analysis

Complete Tables 1a and 1b for all regulatory actions. You do not need to complete Table 1c if the regulatory action is required by state statute or federal statute or regulation and leaves no discretion in its implementation.

Table 1a should provide analysis for the regulatory approach you are taking. Table 1b should provide analysis for the approach of leaving the current regulations intact (i.e., no further change is implemented). Table 1c should provide analysis for at least one alternative approach. You should not limit yourself to one alternative, however, and can add additional charts as needed.

Report both direct and indirect costs and benefits that can be monetized in Boxes 1 and 2. Report direct and indirect costs and benefits that cannot be monetized in Box 4. See the ORM Regulatory Economic Analysis Manual for additional guidance.

Table 1a: Costs and Benefits of the Proposed Changes (Primary Option)

<p>(1) Direct & Indirect Costs & Benefits (Monetized)</p>	<p>These guidance changes are necessary to implement requirements established in §§ 63.2-1531—63.2-1536, effective 7/1/2024. It is in response to Chapter 662 (SB 39) and Chapter 629 (HB 27) of the 2024 Acts of Assembly and 22 VAC 40-705-200 of the Administrative Code of Virginia.</p> <p>Any monetized costs and benefits on the underlying piece of legislation was considered by the Virginia General Assembly and included in the 2024 Appropriation Act.</p> <p>Direct Costs: SB 39 and HB 27 establish the Parental Child Safety Placement Program to promote and support placements of children with relatives and fictive kin by local departments of social services. Based on the 2024 Fiscal Impact Statement for SB 39 and HB 27 issued by the Department of Planning and Budget (DPB), it will have a \$12,173,560 general fund cost.</p> <p>Indirect Costs: There are no indirect costs to the proposed change.</p> <p>Direct Benefits: Parental Child Safety Placement Program (HB 27 and SB 39): Families will benefit as the Parental Child Safety Placement Program ensures protections for parental rights, promotes placement with relatives and fictive kin, enhances reunification efforts, and provides concrete timeframes for permanency.</p> <p>Through implementation of the Parental Child Safety Placement Program, the Department anticipates that local departments of social services (LDSS) will serve more children in the community in lieu of entry into foster care. Accordingly, the Department estimates a potential monetized cost benefit based on the following:</p> <p>Criminal Background Checks: (Virginia State Police name search, fingerprint processing through the Federal Bureau of Investigation Central Criminal Records Exchange, Child Protective Services (CPS) Central Registry search): \$58.23 x 700 children in foster care = \$40,761 x 2 adult caregivers per household = \$81,522</p>
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<p>Foster parent approval process: \$4,000 x 700 children in foster care = \$2,800,000</p> <p>The Department estimates that 60 children will be served through the Parental Child Safety Placement Program per month, with 20% of that population (12 children) entering foster care on average per month.</p> <p>\$58.23 x 144 PCSPP children who enter foster care = \$8,385 x 2 adult caregivers per household = \$16,770</p> <p>Foster parent approval process: \$4,000 x 144 PCSPP children who enter foster care = \$576,000</p> <p>Direct Benefit: \$2,881,522 - \$592,770 = \$2,288,752</p> <p>Indirect Benefits: There are no indirect benefits to the proposed change.</p>		
(2) Present Monetized Values	Direct & Indirect Costs	Direct & Indirect Benefits
	(a) \$12,173,560	(b) \$2,288,752
(3) Net Monetized Benefit	\$2,288,752	
(4) Other Costs & Benefits (Non-Monetized)	<p>Parental Child Safety Placement Program (HB 27 and SB 39): Families will benefit as the Parental Child Safety Placement Program ensures protections for parental rights, promotes placement with relatives and fictive kin, enhances reunification efforts, and provides concrete timeframes for permanency.</p>	
(5) Information Sources	<p>DPB’s Fiscal Impact Statements are available on LIS at: https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?241+oth+HB27FER122+PDF https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?241+oth+SB39FER122+PDF</p>	

Table 1b: Costs and Benefits under the Status Quo (No change to the regulation)

(1) Direct & Indirect Costs & Benefits (Monetized)	<p>These guidance changes are necessary to implement requirements established in §§ 63.2-1531—63.2-1536, effective 7/1/2024. It is in response to Chapter 662 (SB 39) and Chapter 629 (HB 27) of the 2024 Acts of Assembly and 22 VAC 40-705-200 of the Administrative Code of Virginia. Maintaining the status quo is not an option.</p> <p>Direct Costs: There are no direct costs to the status quo.</p> <p>Indirect Costs: There are no indirect costs to the status quo.</p> <p>Direct Benefits: There are no direct benefits to the status quo.</p>
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	Indirect Benefits: There are no indirect benefits to the status quo.	
(2) Present Monetized Values	Direct & Indirect Costs	Direct & Indirect Benefits
	(a) N/A	(b) N/A
(3) Net Monetized Benefit	N/A	
(4) Other Costs & Benefits (Non-Monetized)	N/A	
(5) Information Sources	N/A	

Table 1c: Costs and Benefits under Alternative Approach(es)

(1) Direct & Indirect Costs & Benefits (Monetized)	<p>There are no alternatives, as the guidance changes are necessary changes are necessary to implement requirements established in the Code of Virginia and the Administrative Code of Virginia.</p> <p>Direct Costs: There are no direct costs under alternative approaches.</p> <p>Indirect Costs: There are no indirect costs under alternative approaches.</p> <p>Direct Benefits: There are no direct benefits under alternative approaches.</p> <p>Indirect Benefits: There are no indirect under alternative approaches.</p>	
(2) Present Monetized Values	Direct & Indirect Costs	Direct & Indirect Benefits
	(a) N/A	(b) N/A
(3) Net Monetized Benefit	N/A	
(4) Other Costs & Benefits (Non-Monetized)	N/A	
(5) Information Sources	N/A	

Impact on Local Partners

Use this chart to describe impacts on local partners. See Part 8 of the ORM Cost Impact Analysis Guidance for additional guidance.

Table 2: Impact on Local Partners

<p>(1) Direct & Indirect Costs & Benefits (Monetized)</p>	<p>These guidance changes are necessary to implement requirements established in §§ 63.2-1531—63.2-1536, effective 7/1/2024. It is in response to Chapter 662 (SB 39) and Chapter 629 (HB 27) of the 2024 Acts of Assembly and 22 VAC 40-705-200 of the Administrative Code of Virginia.</p> <p>Any monetized costs and benefits on the underlying piece of legislation was considered by the Virginia General Assembly and included in the 2024 Appropriation Act.</p> <p>Direct Costs: SB 39 and HB 27 establish the Parental Child Safety Placement Program to promote and support placements of children with relatives and fictive kin by local departments of social services. Based on the 2024 Fiscal Impact Statement for SB 39 and HB 27 issued by the Department of Planning and Budget (DPB), it will have a \$12,173,560 general fund cost.</p> <p>Indirect Costs: There are no indirect costs to the proposed change.</p> <p>Direct Benefits: Parental Child Safety Placement Program (HB 27 and SB 39): Families will benefit as the Parental Child Safety Placement Program ensures protections for parental rights, promotes placement with relatives and fictive kin, enhances reunification efforts, and provides concrete timeframes for permanency.</p> <p>Through implementation of the Parental Child Safety Placement Program, the Department anticipates that local departments of social services (LDSS) will serve more children in the community in lieu of entry into foster care. Accordingly, the Department estimates a potential monetized cost benefit based on the following:</p> <p>Criminal Background Checks: (Virginia State Police name search, fingerprint processing through the Federal Bureau of Investigation Central Criminal Records Exchange, Child Protective Services (CPS) Central Registry search): \$58.23 x 700 children in foster care = \$40,761 x 2 adult caregivers per household = \$81,522</p> <p>Foster parent approval process: \$4,000 x 700 children in foster care = \$2,800,000</p>
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	<p>The Department estimates that 60 children will be served through the Parental Child Safety Placement Program per month, with 20% of that population (12 children) entering foster care on average per month.</p> <p>$\\$58.23 \times 144$ PCSPP children who enter foster care = $\\$8,385 \times 2$ adult caregivers per household = $\\$16,770$</p> <p>Foster parent approval process: $\\$4,000 \times 144$ PCSPP children who enter foster care = $\\$576,000$</p> <p>Direct Benefit: $\\$2,881,522 - \\$592,770 = \\$2,288,752$</p> <p>Indirect Benefits: There are no indirect benefits to the proposed change.</p>	
(2) Present Monetized Values	Direct & Indirect Costs	Direct & Indirect Benefits
	(a) $\$12,173,560$	(b) $\$2,288,752$
(3) Other Costs & Benefits (Non-Monetized)	<p>Parental Child Safety Placement Program (HB 27 and SB 39): Families will benefit as the Parental Child Safety Placement Program ensures protections for parental rights, promotes placement with relatives and fictive kin, enhances reunification efforts, and provides concrete timeframes for permanency.</p>	
(4) Assistance	N/A	
(5) Information Sources	<p>DPB's Fiscal Impact Statements are available on LIS at: https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?241+oth+HB27FER122+PDF https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?241+oth+SB39FER122+PDF</p>	

Impacts on Families

Use this chart to describe impacts on families. See Part 8 of the ORM Cost Impact Analysis Guidance for additional guidance.

Table 3: Impact on Families

(1) Direct & Indirect Costs & Benefits (Monetized)	<p>Direct Costs: There are no direct or indirect costs to the proposed change that impact families.</p> <p>Indirect Costs: There are no direct or indirect costs to the proposed change that impact families.</p> <p>Direct Benefits:</p>
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	<p>Parental Child Safety Placement Program (HB 27 and SB 39): Families will benefit as the Parental Child Safety Placement Program ensures protections for parental rights, promotes placement with relatives and fictive kin, enhances reunification efforts, and provides concrete timeframes for permanency.</p> <p>Indirect Benefits: The primary indirect benefit will be that the guidance will conform to law, regulation, and best practice; and will thus, avoid confusion.</p>	
(2) Present Monetized Values	Direct & Indirect Costs	Direct & Indirect Benefits
	(a) N/A	(b) N/A
(3) Other Costs & Benefits (Non-Monetized)	<p>Parental Child Safety Placement Program (HB 27 and SB 39): Families will benefit as the Parental Child Safety Placement Program ensures protections for parental rights, promotes placement with relatives and fictive kin, enhances reunification efforts, and provides concrete timeframes for permanency.</p>	
(4) Information Sources	N/A	

Impacts on Small Businesses

Use this chart to describe impacts on small businesses. See Part 8 of the ORM Cost Impact Analysis Guidance for additional guidance.

Table 4: Impact on Small Businesses

(1) Direct & Indirect Costs & Benefits (Monetized)	<p>Direct Costs: There are no direct costs to the proposed change that impact small business.</p> <p>Indirect Costs: There are no indirect costs to the proposed change that impact small business.</p> <p>Direct Benefits: There are no direct benefits to the proposed change that impact small business.</p> <p>Indirect Benefits: There are no indirect benefits to the proposed change that impact small business.</p>	
(2) Present Monetized Values	Direct & Indirect Costs	Direct & Indirect Benefits
	(a) N/A	(b) N/A

(3) Other Costs & Benefits (Non-Monetized)	N/A
(4) Alternatives	N/A
(5) Information Sources	N/A

Changes to Number of Regulatory Requirements

Table 5: Regulatory Reduction

For each individual action, please fill out the appropriate chart to reflect any change in regulatory requirements, costs, regulatory stringency, or the overall length of any guidance documents.

Change in Regulatory Requirements

VAC Section Involved*	Authority of Change	Initial Count	Additions	Subtractions	Total Net Change in Requirements
20	(M/A):				
	(D/A):				
	(M/R):				
	(D/R):				

VAC Section Involved*	Authority of Change	Initial Count	Additions	Subtractions	Total Net Change in Requirements
40	(M/A):				
	(D/A):				
	(M/R):				
	(D/R):				

Use this table to add total net changes in requirements of all sections involved (if only one section changed-add total of the one section).	Grand Total of All Changes in Requirements:	(M/A):
		(D/A):
		(M/R):
		(D/R):

Key:

Please use the following coding if change is mandatory or discretionary and whether it affects externally regulated parties or only the agency itself:

(M/A): Mandatory requirements mandated by federal and/or state statute affecting the agency itself

(D/A): Discretionary requirements affecting agency itself

(M/R): Mandatory requirements mandated by federal and/or state statute affecting external parties, including other agencies

(D/R): Discretionary requirements affecting external parties, including other agencies

Cost Reductions or Increases (if applicable)

VAC Section(s) Involved*	Description of Regulatory Requirement	Initial Cost	New Cost	Overall Cost Savings/Increases

Other Decreases or Increases in Regulatory Stringency (if applicable)

VAC Section(s) Involved*	Description of Regulatory Change	Overview of How It Reduces or Increases Regulatory Burden

Length of Guidance Documents (only applicable if guidance document is being revised)

Title of Guidance Document	Original Word Count	New Word Count	Net Change in Word Count
Chapter A: Practice Foundations			
Chapter B: Prevention Services	29,542	29,874	

*If the agency is modifying a guidance document that has regulatory requirements, it should report any change in requirements in the appropriate chart(s).