

**Department of Planning and Budget**  
**2025 General Assembly Session**  
**State Fiscal Impact Statement**

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**ORIGINAL**

**Bill Number:** HB 2613

**Patron:** Clark

**Bill Title:** Child abuse and neglect; custody and visitation; possession or consumption of authorized substances

**Bill Summary:** The proposed legislation provides that a child must not be considered an abused or neglected child, and no person must be denied custody or visitation of a child, based only on the fact that the child's parent or other person responsible for his care, or the person petitioning for custody or visitation of the child, possessed or consumed legally authorized substances. The bill directs the Board of Social Services to amend its regulations, guidance documents, and other instructional materials to ensure that such regulations, documents, and materials comply with, and that investigations and family assessments are conducted by local departments of social services in accordance with, the provisions of the bill.

**Budget Amendment Necessary:** No

**Items Impacted:** None

**Fiscal Summary:** The bill is expected to have minimal fiscal impact on impacted agencies.

**Fiscal Analysis:** The Department of Social Services indicates that this legislation codifies the existing practices associated with local departments determining the validity of a reported case of child maltreatment. As such, no fiscal impact is expected.

**Other:** None