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position would also ensure compliance with state and federal requirements. The data analyst would gather and interpret data, monitor program compliance, and draft reports. This position will also work with team members and identified stakeholders on Task Force objectives. The total cost of the two positions including fringe benefits is estimated at \$253,873 (\$126,937 general fund) in FY 2026 including \$10,326 for one-time onboarding costs. It is assumed that the bill's requirement to improve outreach and increase awareness would be accomplished by a statewide media campaign. While the specifics of such a campaign would be developed the Task Force, DSS estimates a minimum of \$200,000 (\$100,000 general fund) would be needed each year. A one-time appropriation of \$300,000 (\$150,000 general fund) is needed for modifications to the Virginia Case Management System (VaCMS) to gather data needed from DSS internal systems and to import data from other agencies. Total costs are estimated to be \$753,873 (\$376,937 general fund) in FY 2026 and \$443,547 (\$221,774 general fund) in subsequent years.

The bill's impact on services cannot be determined at this time. To the extent the Task Force succeeds in maximizing participation in the specified USDA programs, agency costs for SNAP and SunBucks would likely increase. However, as SNAP benefits are paid directly by the federal government and SunBucks are supported entirely with federal dollars, no general fund impact is expected. In addition to benefit costs, there would also be an indeterminate impact to the local department of social services (LDSS) to provide eligibility determination, case management and redetermination services for any new SNAP applicants and participants. DSS reports that the equivalent of one local benefit worker at a total cost of \$87,413 would be needed for every 242 new SNAP cases. Such costs would be split 50 percent federal funds, 34.5 percent general funds, and 15.5 percent local match.

Other: None