

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

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**ORIGINAL**

**Bill Number:** HB 1854 H1

**Patron:** Arnold

**Bill Title:** Restoration of parental rights

**Bill Summary:** The substitute bill amends and reenacts § 16.1-241, 16-1-278.15 and 20-124.1 of the Code of Virginia for a “person with a legitimate interest” to include a parent whose rights previously had been terminated, provided that the child whose custody or visitation is at issue (a) is at least 14 years of age; (b) has had a permanency goal previously achieved by adoption; and (c) has had his adoptive parents die or, pursuant to § 16.1-227.02, each of such child’s adoptive parents has permanently been relieved of custody of such child and each adoptive parent has had his parental rights terminated, and provided that the parent whose rights previously had been terminated has (1) complied with the terms of any written post-adoption contact and communication agreement entered into pursuant to Article 1.1 (§ 63.2-1220.2 et seq.) of Chapter 12 of Title 63.2 and (2) maintained a positive, continuous relationship with the child since termination.

**Budget Amendment Necessary:** No

**Items Impacted:** None

**Fiscal Summary:** No fiscal impact has been determined at this time.

**Fiscal Analysis:** The legislation does not appear to have any fiscal impact to the operations of the Department of Social Services and local departments of social services. Should any fiscal impact on courts be determined, this statement will be updated.

**Other:** None