

HOUSE BILL NO. 1024
AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE
(Proposed by the House Committee on Rules
on _____)
(Patron Prior to Substitute—Delegate Walker)

A BILL to direct the Department of Social Services to convene a work group to evaluate and make recommendations on revising the allocation formula for funding for local departments of social services; report.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

10 **1. § 1. That the Department of Social Services shall convene a work group to evaluate the existing**
11 *allocation formula for funding for local departments of social services and make recommendations to*
12 *supplement existing population-based funding allocation methods with a caseload-driven funding model. In*
13 *developing its recommendations, the work group shall utilize data on recent caseload trends and projected*
14 *future growth to ensure allocations are responsive to service demands, prioritize active caseload volume*
15 *over total population in determining funding, and evaluate compensatory measures that reflect hours*
16 *worked and operational limitations faced by community services agencies. The work group shall submit its*
17 *findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly by November 1, 2026.*