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Bill Number: HB158

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Bill Title: Abuse or neglect of a child; transition of a child to sex or gender other than biological sex.

Bill Summary: Adds to the definition of "abused or neglected child" a child whose parent or other person responsible for his care attempts to transition the child to a sex or gender other than his biological sex.

Budget Amendment Necessary: No

Items Impacted: None

Explanation: See below

Fiscal Summary:

This bill is not anticipated to have a fiscal impact on state agencies.

Fiscal Analysis:

The Department of Social Services (DSS) reports a minimal fiscal impact resulting from this bill that can be absorbed with existing resources. The Code section amended by this bill expands the definition of an abused or neglected child only as it relates to cases coming before the Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Courts and does not address the definition of an abused or neglected child as it relates to the investigative responsibilities of local departments of social services (LDSS) as defined in § 63.2-100, Code of Virginia. While an increase in children being classified as abused or neglected by the courts could lead to additional responsibilities on the part of DSS and/or LDSS as it relates to the provision of support services, it is anticipated that any fiscal impact associated with such an increase will be minimal.

According to the Office of the Executive Secretary (OES) of the Supreme Court of Virginia, this proposal is not expected to have an impact on agency operations.

Other: None