Department of Planning and Budget
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State Fiscal Impact Statement

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Bill Number: HB693H1 **Patron:** McAuliff
Bill Title: Department of Workforce Development and Advancement; workforce development programs; apprenticeship program.

Bill Summary: Designates the Department of Workforce Development and Advancement (DWDA) as the Commonwealth's primary workforce agency; expands and formalizes interagency workforce data sharing and governance; aligns apprenticeship and workforce provisions to DWDA; modifies Board and local board duties related to workforce planning, dashboards, evaluations, and training provider identification; transfers existing workforce-related regulations from specified agencies to DWDA; and authorizes time-limited APA-exempt regulatory adoption with public notice and comment requirements.

Budget Amendment Necessary: **No.** **Items Impacted:** **N/A**

Explanation: This bill involves DWDA; however, no budget action is required. See Fiscal Analysis section, below.

Fiscal Summary: It is anticipated that any costs DWDA may incur can be absorbed within existing resources.

Fiscal Analysis: This impact statement is preliminary. It is anticipated that DWDA can absorb any costs associated with the implementation of this bill.

Other: None.