

**Department of Planning and Budget
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ORIGINAL

Bill Number: HB652 H1

Patron: Hayes

Bill Title: Abused or neglected child; “reason to suspect” prenatal substance abuse.

Bill Summary: Directs the Department of Social Services, the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services, and the Department of Health to convene a work group to study the Commonwealth’s response to parental prenatal and postnatal substance use, the effects of such substance use on newborns and children, and services currently available. The workgroup is to be composed of representatives from public and private stakeholder groups as outlined in the bill. The work group is directed to submit a written report of its findings and recommendations to the Chairs of the Senate Committee on Education and Health, the Senate Committee on Rehabilitation and Social Services, and the House Committee on Health and Human Services by December 1, 2026.

Budget Amendment Necessary: No

Items Impacted: n/a

Fiscal Summary: Minimal/absorbable fiscal impact.

Fiscal Analysis: This substitute bill directs the Department of Social Services (DSS), the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services (DBHDS), and the Department of Health (VDH) to convene a workgroup to study responses to and services available for parental prenatal and postnatal substance abuse in the Commonwealth as outlined by the bill. DSS anticipates allocating up to \$50,000 in existing Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (CAPTA) federal funds to cover the cost of a contractor who can assist in facilitating the workgroup and coordinating the various study elements as outlined by the bill, including the identification of best practices and development of recommendations to be included in a report to the General Assembly. The bill does not require compensation for nonlegislative citizen members of the workgroup. As such, it is expected that all costs to support the workgroup can be absorbed within existing appropriation.

It is expected that any costs or workload impacts for DBHDS and VDH to collaboratively participate in the workgroup will be minimal and absorbable within existing resources.

Other: HB652 H1 may be a companion to SB133 S1.