Department of Planning and Budget
2026 General Assembly Session
State Fiscal Impact Statement

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Bill Number: HB224 E **Patron:** Hope
Bill Title: Paternity; proceedings to establish.

Bill Summary: As engrossed, adds the methods by which the Department of Social Services administratively establishes paternity for the purposes of child support enforcement to the lists of ways that a parent and child relationship may be established in domestic relations proceedings under Title 20 and the ways in which a parent and child relationship may be established for determining rights related to a deed, will, trust, or other instrument. This bill is a recommendation of the Boyd-Graves Conference.

Budget Amendment Necessary: No **Items Impacted:** n/a

Fiscal Summary: No fiscal impact.

Fiscal Analysis: As engrossed, this bill allows for methods by which the Department of Social Services administratively establishes paternity to also be used as a method to establish a parent and child relationship in domestic relations proceedings under Title 20 and in the determination of rights related to a deed, will, trust, or other instrument. The Department of Social Services reports no fiscal impact resulting from such allowance. The Office of the Executive Secretary of the Supreme Court of Virginia does not anticipate a fiscal impact to the Courts system resulting from this legislation.

Other: n/a