Department of Planning and Budget
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State Fiscal Impact Statement

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Bill Number: HB73ER **Patron:** Cole, J.G.
Bill Title: Juvenile and domestic relations district courts; petitions for relief of care and custody; custodians.

Bill Summary: This enrolled bill allows the custodian of a child to file a petition for relief of the care and custody of such child in a juvenile and domestic relations district court. Current law only authorizes the parent or parents of a child to file such petition for relief of care and custody. The bill also requires the petitioning parent or custodian to cooperate with any services provided by a local department of social services during the initial investigation by such local department of social services after such petition for relief of care and custody has been filed. This bill is a recommendation of the Virginia Commission on Youth.

Budget Amendment Necessary: None **Items Impacted:** N/A
Explanation: N/A

Fiscal Summary: According to the Office of the Executive Secretary (OES) of the Supreme Court of Virginia, there is no anticipated fiscal impact from the bill. According to the Office of Children's Services (CSA), the Department of Social Services (DSS), and Local Departments of Social Services (LDSS), there is no material impact anticipated from the bill.

Fiscal Analysis: Any unanticipated costs that may arise from the bill are expected to be absorbable with existing resources.

Other: Related bill is SB206.