

## Department of Planning and Budget 2022 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number:** HB 1207

**House of Origin**    ☒ Introduced    ☐ Substitute    ☐ Engrossed  
**Second House**    ☐ In Committee    ☐ Substitute    ☐ Enrolled

**2. Patron:** Roem

**3. Committee:** Health, Welfare and Institutions

**4. Title:** Department for Aging and Rehabilitative Services; training; powers and duties of guardian

**5. Summary:** This legislation directs the Department for Aging and Rehabilitative Services (DARS) to develop and provide training for court-appointed guardians. The bill requires an appointed guardian and any staff employed by such guardian to perform guardianship duties to complete the initial training developed by the Department within four months of the date of the initial court order of appointment and to include certain additional information in the annual report that the guardian is required under current law to submit to the local department of social services.

**6. Budget Amendment Necessary:** Yes

**7. Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Preliminary.

**Expenditure Impact:**

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2023	\$271,295	General
2024	\$271,295	General
2025	\$271,295	General
2026	\$271,295	General
2027	\$271,295	General
2028	\$271,295	General
2029	\$271,295	General

**8. Fiscal Implications:** DARS administers the public guardianship program (PGP) which provides guardianship services for adults who are incapacitated, indigent and have no suitable person to serve as their guardian. The PGP currently serves approximately 1,000 individuals and is entirely supported with state dollars. In contrast, there are over 11,000 individuals with a court appointed guardian in Virginia. DARS currently has no responsibilities related to these guardianships. This legislation would expand DARS role pertaining to all guardianships making the agency responsible for developing and providing training for court-appointed guardians. DARS expects that this provision will require the agency to hire two positions at a total cost of \$271,295 annually.

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:**

Department for Aging and Rehabilitation Services

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** No

**11. Other Comments:** None