

Department of Planning and Budget 2022 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB876

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

2. Patron: Lopez

3. Committee: Commerce and Energy

4. Title: Child labor; tobacco farms; civil penalty.

5. Summary: The proposed legislation prohibits any person from employing a child under the age of 18 to work in direct contact with tobacco plants or dried tobacco leaves unless (i) the owner of the farm or other location at which such work is conducted is the child's parent, grandparent, or legal guardian or (ii) the child's parent or legal guardian has consented in writing to such employment. Any person violating this section shall be subject to a civil monetary penalty in accordance with §40.1-113 (child labor offenses, civil penalties).

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary (see Item 8 below).

8. Fiscal Implications: Current impact estimates from the Department of Labor and Industry (DOLI) are not yet available, however DOLI estimated in 2020 that a similar bill would have expenditure impacts of approximately \$100,000 annually. DOLI also estimated that one child labor inspector would be required to address violations under this bill. A budget amendment is not necessary as the agency can likely absorb these costs using existing resources.

The civil penalties assessed under §40.1-113 are paid to the Commissioner of Labor and Industry for deposit into the general fund of the state treasury.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Department of Labor and Industry.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: None