

Department of Planning and Budget 2022 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB994

House of Origin	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Introduced	<input type="checkbox"/>	Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/>	Engrossed
Second House	<input type="checkbox"/>	In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/>	Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/>	Enrolled

2. Patron: Brewer

3. Committee: Education

4. Title: Board of Education; Child Care Subsidy Program; Armed Forces.

5. Summary: Directs the Board of Education (the Board) to amend its regulations to permit all active duty members of the Armed Forces of the United States who serve as caregivers to dependents to apply for the Child Care Subsidy Program. The bill directs the Board to adopt emergency regulations to implement the provisions of the bill.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: Yes. Item 129 if general fund support is provided for those service members who would not qualify for the existing federal funds supporting the Child Care Subsidy Program.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary, see Item 8.

8. Fiscal Implications: Child Care Subsidy Program (CCSP) payments are made out of federal Child Care Development Funds (CCDF) awarded to Virginia, including both regular appropriations and currently, additional CCDF fund appropriated as pandemic relief funds under the American Rescue Plan Act.

In order to receive regular federal CCDF funds, applicants to the CCSP must meet the minimum federal requirements, in addition to any additional state requirements, which includes a household income of not more than 85 percent of the state median income. Active duty members of the Armed Forces who have a household income greater than this amount will not be eligible to participate in CCSP under the current fund source. Federal CCDF funds could be supplemented with additional state general funds or state nongeneral funds to cover all applicants eligible under this provision. At this time it is not possible to estimate the exact number of additional families who would apply under this categorical eligibility, and the actual fiscal impact is indeterminate. If the increase in the number of applicants causes there to be insufficient funds to serve all eligible families, DOE will need to implement a waitlist for families applying to the CCSP.

Families who are eligible under this provision and whose household income exceeds 85 percent of the state median income may be eligible to receive pandemic relief CCDF funds through September 30, 2024.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Board of Education, Department of Education

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: This bill is identical to SB529.