

Department of Planning and Budget

2022 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB327

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: Freitas

3. Committee: Health, Welfare and Institutions

4. Title: Department of Social Services; child protective services data; report.

5. Summary: Directs the Department of Social Services to identify and report the following data to the Governor and General Assembly by October 1, 2022: (i) the number of reports of child abuse or neglect submitted in the Commonwealth; (ii) the number of reports of child abuse or neglect to which a local department of social services (local department) responded by conducting an investigation or a family assessment; (iii) in cases in which an investigation or a family assessment was conducted, the average number of days that passed between the initiation of such investigation or family assessment and the receipt of the initial report of child abuse or neglect; (iv) the average number of investigations or family assessments to which a single local department employee is assigned; and (v) in cases in which a child was removed from his home and committed to the custody of a local board of social services or licensed child-placing agency, the average length of time the child remained in foster care and the number of such children who ultimately returned home.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: None.

8. Fiscal Implications: This bill requires that the Department of Social Services (DSS) compile and report child abuse and neglect data to the Governor and the General Assembly. There is no fiscal impact to DSS as a result of this bill because the agency and the local departments of social services already compile this information.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Department of Social Services, local departments of social services

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.