2002 Session

Budget Bill - HB29 (Chapter 814)

Department of Social Services

Item 382 (Not set out)

	First Year - FY2001	Second Year - FY2002
Protective Services (45300)	**$75,134,131**	**$62,969,871**
Foster Care (45301)	$64,099,720	$52,142,506
Protection of Children and Youths (45302)	$2,826,866	$2,619,509
Financial Assistance for Child and Youth Services (45303)	$7,672,578	$7,672,578
Comprehensive Services Act Administration (45305)	$534,967	$535,278
Fund Sources:		
General	$42,454,758	$35,390,902
Federal Trust	$32,679,373	$27,578,969

Authority: Title 63.1, Chapters 3, 10, 10.1, ~~11~~ *10.2*, 11.1, *11.2,* 12.1, and 18, Code of Virginia; P.L. 100-294, P.L. 101-126, P.L. 101-226, P.L. 105-89, as amended, Federal Code.

A.1. Out of the amount for Financial Assistance for Child and Youth Services, $575,000 from the general fund and $400,000 from nongeneral funds the first year and $575,000 from the general fund and $400,000 from nongeneral funds the second year shall be provided for the purchase of services for victims of domestic violence, child abuse and neglect prevention activities as stated in §§ 63.1-248.7 C and 63.1-319, Code of Virginia, in accordance with regulations promulgated by the Board of Social Services.

2. Out of the amount for Financial Assistance for Child and Youth Services, increased nongeneral fund revenues from Chapter 887, Acts of Assembly of 1993, estimated at $541,578 the first year and $541,578 the second year, shall be appropriated for services to victims of domestic violence.

3. Out of the amount for Financial Assistance for Child and Youth Services, $250,000 from the general fund and $1,000,000 from the federal TANF grant the first year and $250,000 from the general fund and $1,000,000 from the federal TANF grant the second year shall be provided as grants to local domestic violence programs for purchase of crisis and core services for victims of domestic violence, including 24-hour hotlines, emergency shelter, emergency transportation, and other crisis services as a first priority.

B.1. Expenditures meeting the criteria of Title IV-E of the Social Security Act shall be fully reimbursed except that expenditures otherwise subject to a standard local matching share under applicable state policy, including local staffing, shall continue to require local match. The Commissioner shall ensure that local social service boards obtain reimbursement for all children eligible for Title IV-E coverage.

2. Out of the amount for Financial Assistance for Child and Youth Services, $300,000 the first year and $300,000 the second year from the general fund shall be allocated to the Pendleton and Chesapeake Childcare Programs.

C. This appropriation includes $180,200 from the general fund and $99,800 from nongeneral funds the first year and $180,200 from the general fund and $99,800 from nongeneral funds the second year to continue respite care for foster parents.

D. The Commissioner, in cooperation with the Department of Planning and Budget, shall establish a reasonable, automatic adjustment for inflation each year to be applied to the room and board maximum rates paid to foster parents. However, this provision shall apply only in fiscal years following a fiscal year in which salary increases are provided for state employees. The amount of the increase shall be based on inflation in the cost of raising a child as indicated by appropriate inflation indicators selected by the Department of Planning and Budget.

E. Out of this appropriation shall be provided $100,000 the first year from the general fund and $100,000 the second year from the general fund for Volunteer Emergency Families for Children to expand its shelter care network for abused, neglected, runaway, homeless, and at-risk children throughout Virginia.

F. The Department of Social Services shall develop additional performance measures for the adoption subsidy program to measure, over a fiscal year, the percentage of foster care children with a goal of adoption who are placed in adoptive homes and, of those, the average number of months since the termination of parental rights and the average number of months since the goal of adoption was established.

G. The Department of Social Services shall develop and maintain a Memorandum of Understanding with the Comprehensive Health Investment Project (CHIP) of Virginia to pilot the use of foster care prevention funding in Southwest Virginia. Additional funding which may be available through this effort to Southwest Virginia CHIP projects cannot be used to supplant existing resources for those projects.

H. The Department of Social Services (DSS) and the State Executive Council (SEC) of the Comprehensive Services Act (CSA) shall negotiate a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) regarding Title IV-E coverage of services for Title IV-E eligible children that were previously funded under the Comprehensive Services Act. In developing the MOU, the SEC and DSS shall consult the Department of Medical Assistance Services regarding the impact of the MOU on Medicaid coverage of such services. The Department of Planning and Budget (DPB) shall approve the terms of the MOU to assure they are precise enough to govern any transfer of appropriation from CSA to DSS and to assure that it clearly distinguishes between provisions regarding retroactive charges and current charges. Pursuant to the MOU, funds may be transferred to the Department of Social Services from the Comprehensive Services Act appropriation, upon documentation that demonstrates reduction in CSA costs and transfer of charges to DSS for such services. If DPB determines that savings should result from the difference between the state matching ratio required for Title IV-E and the state share of CSA expenditures, DPB shall unallot the appropriate amount of general fund savings. Such unallotted funds shall be made available only if needed to fund unavoidable deficits in either CSA or DSS foster care and adoptions. Otherwise they shall revert to the general fund of the state treasury.

I. It is the intent of the General Assembly that the Commissioner of the Department of Social Services allow local social services boards to obtain matching federal funds for children participating in Healthy Family sites who are eligible for Title IV-E coverage. Appropriations from the general fund in this Item for Healthy Families may be used to qualify for matching federal funds.

J. The Department of Social Services shall allocate $600,000 the first year and $600,000 the second year from the federal Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) grant for services to children participating in Healthy Families who may qualify for TANF.