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Budget Bill - HB5001 (Introduced)

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Department of Social Services

Item 360	First Year - FY2005	Second Year - FY2006
Employment Assistance Services (46200)	\$69,122,484	\$68,122,484
Employment Services Payments (46207)	\$1,000,000	\$0
Financial Assistance for Employment Services (46209)	\$16,803,933	\$16,803,933
Individual and Family Economic Independence Services Through Employment Assistance Services (46210)	\$51,318,551	\$51,318,551
Fund Sources:		
General	\$27,354,954	\$27,354,954
Federal Trust	\$41,767,530	\$40,767,530

Authority: Title 63.1, Chapters 6.2, 6.3, and 6.5, Code of Virginia; P.L. 104-193, as amended, P.L. 105-33, Federal Code; Title IV, Part A, of the federal Social Security Act; § 5001, federal Balanced Budget Act of 1997.

A. The Department of Social Services, in collaboration with local departments of social services, shall maintain minimum performance standards for all local departments of social services participating in the Virginia Initiative for Employment, Not Welfare (VIEW) program. The Department shall allocate VIEW funds to local departments of social services based on these performance standards and VIEW caseloads. The allocation formula shall be developed and revised in cooperation with the local social services departments and the Department of Planning and Budget.

B. To the extent permitted by federal law, food stamp recipients subject to a work requirement pursuant to § 824 of the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996, Public Law 104-193, as amended, shall be permitted to satisfy such work requirement by providing volunteer services to a public or private, nonprofit agency for the number of hours per month determined by dividing the household's monthly food stamp allotment by the federal minimum wage.

C. The Department of Social Services shall maintain a plan for providing education, training, job-specific skills development, and other services to Virginia Initiative for Employment not Welfare (VIEW) participants who have difficulty in finding and maintaining employment. The plan shall include (i) criteria that will be used to identify VIEW participants who are considered "hard to serve"; (ii) an estimate of how many VIEW participants are expected to receive special targeted services; (iii) a description of the types and amounts of education, training, and other services that will be offered to this population; (iv) methods for coordinating services among local departments of social services, private industry councils, and other public and private providers of service; and (v) a description of the conditions under which the federal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) block grant, Welfare-to-Work grant, Workforce Investment Act funds, and any other source of funds for this purpose will be used to pay for services. The Plan shall be updated as appropriate and made available upon request.