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Department of Social Services

Item 357	First Year - FY2005	Second Year - FY2006
Protective Services (45300)	**$144,487,137**	~~**$156,428,117**~~ ***$154,852,127***
Foster Care (45301)	$85,444,217	~~$92,495,105~~ *$85,122,351*
Protection of Children and Youths (45302)	$8,969,401	$9,469,401
Financial Assistance for Child and Youth Services (45303)	$48,123,371	~~$52,513,463~~ *$58,310,227*
Comprehensive Services Act Administration (45305)	$1,950,148	$1,950,148
Fund Sources:		
General	$69,122,493	~~$76,293,063~~ *$80,403,450*
Special	$812,980	$812,980
Federal Trust	$74,551,664	~~$79,322,074~~ *$73,635,697*

Authority: Title 63.1, Chapters 3, 10, 10.1, 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. 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 §§ 63.2-1502.3 and 63.2-1615, Code of Virginia, in accordance with regulations promulgated by the Board of Social Services.

B. 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.

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 nongeneral funds and $100,000 the second year from nongeneral funds 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. Out of this appropriation, $325,000 from the general fund and $4,139,820 from the federal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) grant the first year and $825,000 from the general fund and $4,139,820 from the TANF grant the second year shall be provided to Healthy Families Virginia. These funds shall be used at the discretion of local sites for obtaining matching Title IV-E nongeneral funds when available. The Department of Social Services shall continue to allocate funds from this item to the statewide office of Prevent Child Abuse Virginia for providing the coordination, technical support, quality assurance, training and evaluation of the Healthy Families Virginia program.

I. Out of this appropriation, $100,000 the first year and $100,000 the second year from nongeneral funds is provided for the Child Abuse Prevention Play administered by Theatre IV of Richmond.

J. From the federal Temporary Assistance to Needy Families block grant, $50,000 each year shall be transferred to the Bristol-Washington County Children's Advocacy Center for services to TANF-eligible populations.

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L. The Commissioner of Social Services shall work with the Virginia Baptist Home for Children to serve children and youth in need of services, to assist the Commonwealth in meeting state and federal child welfare services to foster care children, and to explore opportunities to restructure their child placing facility.