2026 Special Session I

Budget Bill - HB30 (Introduced)

Item 272	First Year - FY2027	Second Year - FY2028
Administrative and Support Services (49900)	**$3,100,312**	**$3,100,312**
General Management and Direction (49901)	$3,100,312	$3,100,312
Fund Sources:		
General	$3,100,312	$3,100,312

Authority: Title 2.2, Chapter 26, Code of Virginia.

A. The Office of Children's Services may enter into a memorandum of understanding with the Department of Social Services for the provision of routine administrative support services.

B.1. Out of this appropriation, $100,000 the first year and $100,000 the second year from the general fund shall be provided to the Office of Children's Services (OCS) to contract with the Virginia Department of Education's Office of Special Education to conduct a review of private day placement decisions in those localities with a higher than average number of placements and make recommendations to the local education agency. OCS shall, on its website by October 1 of each year, (i) show the number of students in private day placements by locality; (ii) calculate the ratio of children in private day placements to the number of students in the local education agency (LEA); and (iii) identify the LEAs that exceed the statewide average of private day placements compared to the LEA's enrollment.

2. The Office of Comprehensive Services, in coordination with the Virginia Department of Education's Office of Special Education, shall report to the General Assembly by October 1 of each year: (i) recommendations made to each LEA and progress made in improving the LEA's ability to serve students; (ii) an assessment of barriers to students returning to a LEA from a private day placement including instances when the LEA refuses or is unable to provide a less restrictive environment due to a lack of available transition services and recommendations for returning students to public school who are deemed eligible; and (iii) trends in behavioral and emotional diagnoses including students on home-based instruction that may require private day placements.

C. The Office of Children's Services shall collect annually from each local Children's Services Act program the number of program staff by full- and part-time status and the administrative budget broken out by state and local funding to understand local program resources and target technical assistance to the most under-sourced local programs.