Commonwealth of Virginia

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Re: Question about HB2212

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Reiner, Scott <scott.reiner@csa.virginia.gov> Wed, Dec 15, 2021 at 4:10 PM
To: "Webster, Katherine" <katherine.webster@dss.virginia.gov>

Katherine,

Increasing local administrative support to support full-time local coordinators was submitted as a recommendation in a report to the General Assembly. The recommendations would need to be acted on by the legislature which is why you do not see them anywhere other than in that report. The requirement for the report was in the Appropriation Act as follows:

E. The Office of Children's Services shall develop a plan to modify its staffing and operations to ensure effective local implementation of the Children's Services Act. The plan shall include any new or different staff positions required, how those positions will be used to monitor and improve effectiveness, and the estimated cost of implementing these changes. The plan shall be submitted to the Chairs of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance and Appropriations Committees as part of the report required by paragraph D of this item.

The report is attached to this email. We still have quite some ground to cover before this becomes a reality.

Scott

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On Wed, Dec 15, 2021 at 4:04 PM Webster, Katherine <katherine.webster@dss.virginia.gov> wrote:

> Hi Scott,
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> I wanted to follow up with you (or someone at OCS) about HB2212. You mentioned it during the statewide coordinators meeting last week and I have a couple questions. You talked about an increase to the admin budget for each locality as well as a push to make each coordinator's position into a full-time role. I'm lucky enough to be in one of the localities where this would have a huge impact and I'd like to prepare my CPMT and Board of Supervisors for a potential change. I understand that it hasn't been implemented yet, but it seemed to me that you were optimistic about it passing during the 2022 session. I found the bill (attached for reference) but as I read through it I did not see any language about those specific changes that you mentioned. Am I looking in the wrong place? Or is what you talked about just an idea that is kicking around about how to implement #19 in the bill?

If it's easier for you to talk about this with me rather than type it all out in an email, feel free to give me a call. I'll be in the office until 4:30 today and all day tomorrow (12/16). Also, if there's someone else at OCS who would be more appropriate to talk with, please pass this message along to them.

Thanks in advance,
Katherine

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