

Commission on Local Government

Estimate of Local Fiscal Impact

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In accordance with the provisions of 30-19.03 of the Code of Virginia, the staff of the Commission on Local Government offers the following analysis of legislation impacting local governments.

SB 70: SNAP; employment and training (McPike)

Bill Summary: Requires all local departments of social services to offer an employment and training program for SNAP benefits program participants.

Local Fiscal Impact: Net Additional Expenditure: X Net Reduction of Revenues:

Summary Analysis:

Number of Localities Responding: 4 Cities, 3 Counties, 3 Towns, 0 Other

Localities estimated a negative fiscal impact ranging from \$0 to \$4 million over the biennium.

Localities that already provide employment and training programs indicated no fiscal impact. Responsive Towns indicated that this is a County expense.

Localities that do not already provide a program indicated recurring personnel and operating costs ranging from \$110,000 associated with one employee to \$4 million associated with 21 additional employees depending on the locality's SNAP caseload and uptake.

Net Increase in Expenditures: Itemized Estimates by Responding Localities

Locality	Nonrecurring Expense - Operating		Nonrecurring Expense - Capital		Nonrecurring Expense - Other		Total Increase in Expenses (Biennium Total)
	FY25	FY26	FY25	FY26	FY25	FY26	
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Locality	Expenditure Narrative by Responding Localities
Chesterfield	No Impact. We currently operate a SNAP EandT program. I do not see any additional fiscal impact as we receive an allotment (31,600) and the state has a small local match on funds. The benefit of us administrating the program exceeds the costs associated with it.
City of Norfolk	The city provides employment and training opportunities for benefit recipients.
City of Richmond	No expenditure fiscal impact anticipated.
City of Winchester	
Fauquier	I'm estimating some operating costs as well as the addition of one staff member to administer the training. The costs represented would be the estimated local share.
Rockingham County	<p>Looking at the November report we had 5328 households receive SNAP, \$1,744,508 of benefits given out.</p> <p>Thinking about workload, if a worker could handle 250 cases, provide case support, education and training on employment to the household, that would be 21 additional workers we would need. At a salary of at least \$41,000 per year, add benefits, supplies and office space.</p> <p>We have no open offices, so we would need to acquire furniture and office space for each additional case worker.</p>
Town of Blacksburg	This bill does not apply to the Town of Blacksburg.
Town of Chincoteague	
Town of Marion	Not a town function - provided by Smyth County
Virginia Beach	This SB will not have an impact for VB Department of Human Services. We already offer an Employment and Training Program in our locality. It has been in existence for over 20years.