



Local CSA Program Administration

Funding for CSA administrative services helps localities administer the program on behalf of the State.

Amendments

- HB30: [Item 284 #2h](#) (Plum)
- SB30: [Item 284 #1s](#) (Hanger)

Background

- CSA is an increasingly complex program and local program administrators must comply with federal requirements in the Medicaid and Title IV-E programs as well as all state laws and policies across multiple agencies.
- HB 2212 (Plum), as approved by the 2021 General Assembly, requires the Office of Children's Services (OCS) to provide for the effective implementation of the Children's Services Act in all localities. Language in the 2021 Appropriations Act directed OCS to prepare a plan for implementation; a workgroup assisted in the plan development.
- The OCS workgroup recommended that the state provide additional administrative funding to ensure that each local CSA program receive at least \$50,000 per year, including local matching dollars.
- State administrative funds provided to local programs have not been increased since FY2017; and before that, in FY2006.
- In a recent survey, localities reported providing a total of \$8.8 million in personnel costs and an additional \$1.1 million in non-personnel costs to support their local programs.

What these amendments would accomplish

These amendments would provide \$2.5 million each year to ensure that each local CSA program receives at least \$50,000 in administrative funds (including local matching dollars).

Why VML supports these amendments

- Local governments administer the CSA program on behalf of the state.
- These amendments are in line with implementation of 2021 legislation approved by the General Assembly following recommendations by the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission (JLARC) in 2020.

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