



VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF
SOCIAL SERVICES

SB 805 Recommendations

8/7/25

The Ask

“That the [Panel] . . . shall . . . make recommendations to the General Assembly about measures the General Assembly can consider....”

The Ask

Regarding

1. whether existing penalties that place restrictions on . . . drivers licenses or other professional restrictions unnecessarily impair the obligor's ability to repay outstanding child support arrearages.
2. helping obligors pay arrearages.

whether . . . penalties . . . on . . . licenses
or other professional restrictions
unnecessarily impair . . . ability to pay

Data

Occupational and Professional Suspension.

- We were unable to confirm an instance of suspension during a recent, five-year period.

Driver's License Suspension.

- As of June 30, 2025, we serve 192,690 parents who are obligated to pay support.
- From June 1, 2024, to May 31, 2025, DCSE suspended 8,381 driver's licenses.

Current Options

Va. Code § 42.2-320.1 permits suspension when a person “is delinquent in the payment of child support by 90 days or more or in an amount of \$5,000 or more.”

To lift suspension:

1. Pay the child support arrearages in full
2. Enter into a payment agreement with the Division
3. Complete or successfully participate in a court or administrative intensive case monitoring program
4. Obtain a restricted license from a court

Recommendations to the GA

Is the Panel comfortable with the current statutory framework?

Does the Panel want to make any recommendations to the General Assembly?

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Helping obligors pay

Data

Five years of collections (2019-2023) were over **\$3.2 billion**.

As of April 2025, after **50 years of the program**, arrearages stood at **\$2.9 billion**.

88% of the \$2.9B is owed to families.

66% of the \$2.9B is principal.

Va. Code § 6.2-302 sets interest at 6% for all judgments.

It is less than a current 30-year fixed-rate mortgage.

Family Engagement Services (FES)

FES case managers help by:

- Designing a case action plan with each parent
- Connecting parents to help in the community
- Helping parents learn job skills and get ready for work
- Checking in often to see how things are going
- Helping parents ask for changes to their child support if needed
- Helping lower TANF debt for parents who qualify

Family Engagement Services (FES)

In the State Fiscal year 2025,

- FES helped 1,009 parents each month
- FES collected over \$2 million in child support

Future Employment Services?

The Administration for Children & Families has observed:

The best economic support is a job.

The best social support is a family.

Employment and Training Services for Noncustodial Parents in the Child Support Program Final Rule (December 13, 2024)

Employment and Training Services (E&T)

- Job search assistance
- Job readiness training
- Job development and job placement services
- Skills assessments to facilitate job placement
- Job retention services
- Work supports, such as transportation assistance, uniforms, and tools; and
- Occupational training and other skills training directly related to employment, which may also include activities to improve literacy and basic skills, such as programs to complete high school or a high school equivalency certificate, or English as a second language.
- Case management to support the items above

Statewide Requirement

States electing to provide employment and training services using FFP must make at least a minimum level of services available statewide.

These services . . . could be virtual job readiness trainings that individuals could access online.” (89 Fed. Reg. 100,800.)

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Thank You



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