

Brain Injury Association of Virginia and Virginia Alliance of Brain Injury Service Providers COST OF LIVING ADJUSTMENT

WHAT

Inclusion of full-time employees of DARS' state-funded Brain Injury Services program contractors in Item #483 T.1.d. of the FY2023-24 Appropriations Act.

PATRONS AND ITEM NUMBERS

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WHY

Current service delivery becomes more expensive every year. Since 1989, new funds appropriated for brain injury services in Virginia have been tied to the development of new programs, with one exception to invest in current services.

It is time to make DARS contracted brain injury services eligible to receive raises when they are given to state employees. Had this group been included in the language that appears in this section of the budget, a 5% raise would have occurred on July 1, 2022 equaling approximately \$350,000 to keep pace with inflation.

HOW

Include state-funded brain injury program contractors in current Central Appropriations Budget Language: *Full-time employees of Community Services Boards, Centers for Independent Living, **state-funded Brain Injury Programs**, secure detention centers supported by Juvenile Block Grants, juvenile delinquency prevention and local court service units, local social services boards, local pretrial services act and Comprehensive Community Corrections Act employees, and local health departments where a memorandum of understanding exists with the Virginia Department of Health.*

