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(1_134_0968-5)
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Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

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Version: In House Health

Primary Sponsors: Reps. Swearingen and Plummer

Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No

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Highlights

- The State Medical Board may experience a minimal increase in administrative costs to make any necessary rule changes and to address any associated questions or complaints.

Detailed Analysis

Anesthesiologist assistants

The bill authorizes anesthesiologist assistants to engage in additional activities as long as certain conditions are met. The activities that can be provided include the following: (1) to administer drugs, treatments, and intravenous fluids to treat conditions related to the administration of anesthesia, (2) to direct certain nurses and respiratory therapists to perform specified tasks, and (3) to perform additional activities or services, including ordering and evaluating diagnostic tests for conditions related to the administration of anesthesia. However, the bill specifies that anesthesiologist assistants are not authorized to prescribe a drug for use outside of the health care facility where the anesthesiologist assistant practices. The bill maintains the requirement that an anesthesiologist assistant practice under an anesthesiologist's direct supervision and provide services only in the anesthesiologist's immediate presence and in a manner consistent with written protocols. The bill also repeals the requirement that an anesthesiologist assistant practice only in a hospital or ambulatory surgical facility and with enhanced supervision during the first four years of practice. The State Medical Board may realize a minimal increase in administrative costs to make any necessary changes to rules or to respond to any related questions or complaints. In FY 2021, the State Medical Board regulated about 330 active anesthesiologist assistant licensees. It is possible that the bill could increase access to care since it authorizes an anesthesiologist assistant to engage in additional activities.

Synopsis of Fiscal Effect Changes

The provision changes between the current substitute bill (I_134_0968-5) and the previous substitute bill (I_134_0968-4) are not anticipated to have a discernable fiscal impact.