



OHIO LEGISLATIVE SERVICE COMMISSION

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Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

Bill: H.B. 191 of the 132nd G.A.
(L_132_1046-5)

Status: In House Health

Sponsor: Rep. Gonzales

Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No

Subject: Scope of practice of registered nurse anesthetists

State & Local Fiscal Highlights

- The Board of Nursing may experience a minimal increase in administrative and investigative costs as a result of the bill. In addition, the Board could realize a gain in revenue if additional certified registered nurse anesthetists (CRNAs) sought certificates to prescribe.

Detailed Fiscal Analysis

The bill expands the scope of practice for certified registered nurse anesthetists (CRNAs) to allow them to (1) select and order the anesthesia to be administered, (2) select, order, and administer other drugs and treatments for the treatment of conditions related to the administration of anesthesia during the perianesthesia period, (3) select, order, and administer pain relief therapies during the perianesthesia period, and (4) direct nurses and respiratory therapists to delegate specified tasks during the perianesthesia period or when the CRNA performs clinical functions. The bill also authorizes a CRNA to perform clinical functions (rather than clinical support functions) if certain conditions are met. When performing clinical functions, a CRNA is allowed to order fluids, treatment, drugs, and diagnostic tests.

The Board of Nursing anticipates the expanded scope of practice for CRNAs will require the Board to promulgate rules and make administrative and information technology changes, posing a minimal cost. Additionally, the expanded scope of practice may increase the number of complaints and subsequent disciplinary hearings; any increase is expected to be minimal. The bill may result in additional CRNAs seeking a certificate to prescribe, resulting in an increase in fee revenue to the Board.¹ At the end of FY 2017, the Board of Nursing licensed or certified 3,183 CRNAs.²

¹ Certificates to prescribe (CTP) have an initial and renewal fee of \$50; CTP must be renewed on a biennial basis.

² Ohio Board of Nursing Annual Report. State Fiscal Year 2017. <http://www.nursing.ohio.gov/PDFS/AnnualReport/AnnualReportFY17.pdf>.

Synopsis of Fiscal Changes

The substitute bill (L_132_1046-5) removes or modifies certain provisions dealing with the scope of practice of certified registered nurse anesthetists (CRNAs) that were contained in the As Introduced bill. For instance, the substitute bill removes a provision that permitted a CRNA to practice without a supervising physician, dentist, or podiatrist, including when administering anesthesia. Additionally, the substitute bill modified the provision that allowed a CRNA to select, order, and administer fluids, treatments, and drugs to specify that these tasks could be done during the perianesthesia period. Under the As Introduced version of the bill, a CRNA was permitted to do these tasks before, during, and after a surgery or procedure. The substitute bill still expands the scope of practice of CRNAs, so the Board of Nursing will still have administrative and possibly investigative expenses. However, since the substitute bill removes or modifies provisions, it is possible that these costs could be slightly less than under the As Introduced version of the bill.

The substitute bill also removes a provision that (1) prohibited a CRNA from knowingly issuing orders for drugs or directing others to administer drugs in a manner that did not comply with the bill, and (2) provided that a CRNA who violated this prohibition would have been guilty of a fifth degree felony on a first offense and a fourth degree felony on a subsequent offense. Thus, any court or incarceration costs associated with these provisions are removed under the substitute bill.