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Primary Sponsors: Reps. Cross and Wilkin

Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No

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Highlights

- The Board of Nursing may experience a minimal increase in administrative and investigative costs as a result of the bill.

- Government hospitals may experience a minimal increase in administrative costs in order to develop written policies.

Detailed Analysis

The bill allows certified registered nurse anesthetists (CRNAs) to care for patients, generally from admission into the facility for a surgery or procedure until discharge from recovery, in accordance with a facility's written policy. The bill requires the written policy to include standards and procedures to be followed by CRNAs when performing one or more of the following activities:

- Selecting, ordering, and administering certain drugs for the treatment of conditions related to the administration of anesthesia;

- Ordering diagnostic tests and evaluating the results of those tests when performing clinical support functions; and

- Directing nurses and respiratory therapists to perform specified tasks, including administering drugs.

Government hospitals will experience an administrative cost to develop a written policy that meets certain conditions regarding CRNAs' authority.

Additionally, the Board of Nursing could realize a minimal increase in costs to promulgate rules and make any necessary administrative and information technology changes. It is possible that these changes in practice could increase the number of complaints and

subsequent disciplinary hearings. If this occurs, there could be an increase in these costs; however, any increase is expected to be minimal. At the end of FY 2018, the Board of Nursing licensed 3,087 CRNAs.