



OHIO LEGISLATIVE SERVICE COMMISSION

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Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

Bill: H.B. 191 of the 132nd G.A.

Status: As Introduced

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.
- It is possible that government-owned hospitals may experience a decrease in costs if CRNAs practiced without supervision and were able to do additional duties.

Detailed Fiscal Analysis

The bill expands the scope of practice for certified registered nurse anesthetists (CRNAs) to allow them to (1) practice without a supervising dentist, physician, or podiatrist, including when administering anesthesia, (2) select and order the anesthesia to be administered, (3) select, order, and administer other drugs during certain periods and for the treatment of conditions related to the administration of anesthesia, and (4) direct nurses, respiratory therapists, and other persons to administer such drugs and perform clinical support functions.

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>.

It is possible that government-owned hospitals may experience a decrease in costs if CRNAs could practice without a supervising dentist, physician, or podiatrist and could do additional duties.

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