



OHIO LEGISLATIVE SERVICE COMMISSION

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Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

Bill: S.B. 275 of the 132nd G.A.

Status: As Introduced

Sponsor: Sen. Burke

Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No

Subject: Authority of certified 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.
- Government-owned hospitals will experience a minimal cost to establish protocols for certified registered nurse anesthetists (CRNA).

Detailed Fiscal Analysis

The bill expands the scope of practice for certified registered nurse anesthetists (CRNAs) to allow them, under certain conditions in the immediate post-operative period, to select, order, and administer drugs other than anesthesia and direct another person to administer those drugs. The expanded scope of practice for CRNAs will require the Board of Nursing to promulgate rules and make administrative and information technology changes, posing a minimal cost. Additionally, the Board may realize an increase in investigative costs if the expanded scope of practice results in an increase in the number of complaints received; however, any increase is expected to be minimal. At the end of FY 2017, the Board of Nursing certified 3,183 CRNAs.¹

Facilities will be required to establish protocols that: specify which drugs a CRNA can select, order, and administer; prohibit a CRNA from selecting and ordering a controlled substance; and describe procedures for a CRNA to select, order, and administer drugs. Government-owned hospitals may experience a cost to develop the protocol. Any cost is anticipated to be minimal. Additionally, it is possible government-owned hospitals may experience a minimal savings if CRNAs are able to complete additional tasks.

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¹ Ohio Board of Nursing Annual Report. State Fiscal Year 2017. <http://www.nursing.ohio.gov/PDFS/AnnualReport/AnnualReportFY17.pdf>.