

**Department of Planning and Budget
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State Fiscal Impact Statement**

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ORIGINAL

Bill Number: HB1860 H1

Patron: Price

Bill Title: Board of Nursing; faculty supervision of direct client care; faculty-to-student ratio.

Bill Summary: Directs the Board of Nursing to allow nursing education programs in the Commonwealth to apply for a waiver of the current student-to-faculty ratios for direct client care. Current regulations permit faculty to supervise up to 10 students providing such care per faculty member without the utilization of a preceptor; under the waiver, a nursing education program may increase this ratio to up to 15 students per faculty member. The Board of Nursing shall evaluate all applications for a waiver and determine any measures to ensure ongoing compliance, including reviews of approved programs at regular intervals.

Budget Amendment Necessary: No

Items Impacted: n/a

Explanation: It is expected that any impacts can be handled within existing state resources, and there is no conflicting language in the proposed Appropriation Act.

Fiscal Summary: Any fiscal impacts are minimal and can be absorbed with existing resources.

Fiscal Analysis: The Board of Nursing may experience minimal cost impacts by developing a waiver and application for programs to practice under the proposed student-to-faculty ratio, reviewing applications for the waiver, and tracking ongoing program compliance with quality and safety standards. It is expected that any such costs can be handled with existing resources.

Other: n/a