Department of Planning and Budget
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State Fiscal Impact Statement

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Bill Number: SB1475 S1 **Patron:** Pillion
Bill Title: Board of Dentistry; dental licensure by credentials.

Bill Summary: Directs the Board of Dentistry to convene a work group to assess expedited pathways for licensure for dentists and dental hygienists. The workgroup shall include stakeholders from the Virginia Dental Association and the Virginia Dental Hygienists' Association and shall include a review of existing licensure by credentialing statutes for both professions, a recognition of existing licensure by endorsement pathways at the Board of Medicine, and a study and recommendation of options for pathways for internationally trained dentists to practice dental hygiene under supervision of a licensed dentist. The group shall report its findings to the Chairs of the Senate Committee on Education and Health and the House Committee on Health and Human Services by November 30, 2025.

Budget Amendment Necessary: No **Items Impacted:** n/a
Explanation: Any fiscal impacts are minimal and can be absorbed with existing resources. This bill does not require that language updates be made to the proposed Appropriation Act.

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

Fiscal Analysis: This legislation requires that the Board of Dentistry convene a work group to assess expedited licensure pathways for dentists and dental hygienists and make recommendations to modernize existing licensure protocol for both professions, culminating in a report to the Senate Committee on Education and Health and the House Committee on Health and Human Services. The Board of Dentistry expects that it will cost about $2,000 to convene this work group and develop the necessary recommendations; it is expected that this cost can be absorbed with existing resources.

Other: n/a