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Bill Number: HB1636 ER

Patron: Hope

Bill Title: Civil immunity; health care professionals; professional programs related to career fatigue and wellness.

Bill Summary: Expands civil immunity for persons who participate in professional programs related to career fatigue and wellness for health care professionals to include those who participate in programs for (i) any health care professionals licensed, registered, or certified by the Department of Health Professions or (ii) students enrolled in programs that are prerequisites to licensure, registration, or certification by the Department of Health Professions. Under current law, civil immunity extends only to persons participating in programs for (a) professionals licensed, registered, or certified by the Boards of Dentistry, Medicine, Nursing, or Pharmacy or (b) students enrolled in a school of dentistry, dental hygiene, medicine, osteopathic medicine, nursing, or pharmacy.

Budget Amendment Necessary: No

Items Impacted: n/a

Explanation: There is no impact to existing resources; nor is there conflicting language between the bill and the proposed Appropriation Act.

Fiscal Summary: There is no anticipated impact to state resources resulting from this bill.

Fiscal Analysis: This bill expands the opportunity for civil immunity under the conditions for participation or involvement in programs addressing career fatigue and wellness defined in § 8.01-581.16 of the *Code of Virginia* to include any person whose occupation is licensed, registered, or certified by the Department of Health Professions (the Department), as well as students whose graduate school or professional program is a prerequisite for such licensure, registration, or certification by the Department. The language changes to the Code of Virginia included in this legislation do not place new requirements on the Department and as such do not require additional resources.

Other: n/a