Department of Planning and Budget
2025 General Assembly Session
State Fiscal Impact Statement

Bill Number: HB1860 ER   **Patron:**   Price
Bill Title: Nursing, Board of; waiver of regulations related to faculty nursing ratios.

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 from interested nursing education programs to determine whether a program has provided appropriate supporting evidence, including an implementation plan, demonstration of the ability to safely waive the ratio in a practice setting, and demonstration of the ability of the waiver to support program needs while maintaining public and patient safety. The Board of Nursing shall further determine any ongoing compliance measures, including reviews of approved programs at regular intervals, and may withdraw or extend the waiver as deemed necessary for a given program.

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