

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

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**ORIGINAL**

**Bill Number:** HB2489 ER

**Patron:** Henson

**Bill Title:** Physician assistants; Department of Health Professions to study expansion of scope of practice.

**Bill Summary:** Directs the Department of Health Professions to conduct a study on expansion of the scope of practice for physician assistants in the Commonwealth as a means to increase autonomy in the profession. In addition to reviewing the education requirements, training requirements, and scope of practice for physician assistants in the Commonwealth and other states, the study shall include an analysis of the costs and benefits to patients of increased autonomy for physician assistants in the Commonwealth. The Department is directed to submit a report with its findings and recommendations to the Chairs of the House Committee on Health and Human Services and the Senate Committee on Education and Health by November 1, 2025.

**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 Department of Health Professions may experience minimal cost impacts associated with conducting a study and producing a report. It is expected that any such costs can be handled using existing resources.

**Other:** n/a