

Department of Planning and Budget
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State Fiscal Impact Statement

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Bill Number: HB574

Patron: Glass

Bill Title: Athletic Trainer Compact.

Bill Summary: Authorizes Virginia to become a signatory to the Athletic Trainer Compact. The Compact permits qualified licensed athletic trainers to practice in other states that are also members of the Compact. The Compact has not yet been passed in any state and will take effect when the Compact is enacted by a seventh participating state.

Budget Amendment Necessary: No

Items Impacted: n/a

Fiscal Summary: Minimal/absorbable fiscal impact.

Fiscal Analysis: This bill authorizes Virginia to become a member of the Athletic Trainer Compact. Currently, the Board of Medicine is responsible for licensing athletic trainers in the Commonwealth. The Compact preserves the regulatory authority of the Board of Medicine as it relates to the practice of athletic training and sets forth additional responsibilities for member states including the following:

- Participating in the Compact data system
- Communicating with member states and Compact leadership
- Notifying Compact leadership of disciplinary or investigative action taken against Compact licensees
- Undertaking joint investigations of Compact licensees with other member states
- Implementing criminal background check requirements for Compact licensees within an established timeframe
- Participating in the operations and meetings of the Compact Commission

The Department of Health Professions anticipates that any workload or cost increases resulting from Compact membership will be minimal and can be absorbed by the Board of Medicine. The Department of State Police (VSP) is the state agency responsible for the administration of criminal background checks; VSP does not report a fiscal impact resulting from the establishment of a criminal background check requirement as a condition for Compact licensure, especially given that the Compact has not formally taken effect. However, should the Compact take effect and a significant number of athletic trainers apply for Compact membership in the future, there may be a cost to VSP to administer and perform such background checks.

Other: n/a