

**Department of Planning and Budget
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State Fiscal Impact Statement**

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Bill Summary: Permits any school board to provide to high school students, either on school premises or through a dual enrollment program or other partnership with a comprehensive community college, courses of instruction that prepare students for and lead to (i) certification as a certified nurse aide, provided that such course is approved by and meets the requirements of the Board of Nursing and is taught by a qualified individual, consistent with the requirements of the Board of Nursing, and who has been issued or meets the requirements to be issued a three-year career and technical education license or meets other Board of Education (BOE) requirements; (ii) certification as an emergency medical technician, provided that such course is consistent with the requirements established by the Office of Emergency Medical Services and taught by an emergency medical technician instructor who holds a valid certification and has been issued or meets the requirements to be issued a three-year career and technical education license or meets other BOE requirements; or (iii) firefighting level 1 certification, as defined by the bill, provided that such course is consistent with the National Fire Protection Association 1001, level one, firefighter standards as administered by the Department of Fire Programs and taught by an individual qualified to provided such instruction and has been issued or meets the requirements to be issued a three-year career and technical education license or meets other BOE requirements. The bill also requires any school board that provides any such course of instruction on school premises to high school students to ensure that any individual employed, contracted, or permitted to volunteer to provide instruction in such course meets the requirements set forth in applicable law relating to data on convictions for certain crimes and child abuse and neglect, fingerprinting, and criminal history records checks.

Budget Amendment Necessary: No

Items Impacted: None

Explanation: There is no anticipated state fiscal impact as a result of the provisions of this bill. Any impact to local school divisions is indeterminate.

Fiscal Analysis: There is no anticipated state fiscal impact. The Department can absorb any impact for any increase in issuance of three-year career and technical education licenses this bill may cause. This bill is permissive for local school divisions. Any impact to local school divisions is indeterminate.

If local school divisions partner with community colleges to deliver these courses on community college campuses, then any costs experienced by the VCCS would be covered by tuitions costs.

Other: None