

**Fiscal Analysis:** The bill requires any individual “performing plumbing, heating, ventilation, and air conditioning, or electrical work for the purpose of qualifying for licensure” to hold an apprentice license from DPOR’s Board for Contractors. According to the Department of Workforce Development and Advancement, there are approximately 9,150 active registered apprentices in the plumbing, HVAC, and electrical trades. DPOR further estimates that there may be between 5,000 and 8,000 additional individuals working in a helper



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or laborer role within these trades with the intention of becoming licensed in the future. Based on these figures, it is anticipated that DPOR would need to process 10,000 apprentice licenses in the first year and 5,000 per year thereafter. DPOR anticipates that the Board would establish a license fee of \$120, which would generate revenue of \$1.2 million in the first year and \$0.6 each subsequent year.

DPOR estimates that seven additional licensing specialists, two team leads, and three administrative support positions will be needed to handle the additional workload, resulting in a total annual cost of \$958,213.

As with all of DPOR's boards, the Board for Contractors does not receive general fund support and relies on revenue from its regulant members, such as application fees, to support all operational expenses. If expenses exceed revenue, the Board may need to raise fees. In compliance with the Callahan Act (§54.1-113, Code of Virginia), the Board would need to reduce fees if revenue significantly exceeds expenses.

The bill directs the Board to promulgate regulations to implement the bill within 280 days of enactment. It is anticipated that the Board will be able to do so through regularly scheduled meetings with existing resources.

This impact statement is preliminary and may be revised if additional information becomes available.

**Other:** None.