Department of Planning and Budget
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State Fiscal Impact Statement

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Bill Number: HB1026 ER **Patron:** Walker
Bill Title: Foreign-trained chiropractors; licensure by endorsement.

Bill Summary: Permits the Board of Medicine to issue a license to practice chiropractic to a foreign-trained chiropractor who meets certain educational and practice requirements, who is legally authorized to reside and work in the United States, and who has passed certain national examinations.

Budget Amendment Necessary: No **Items Impacted:** n/a

Fiscal Summary: Minimal/absorbable fiscal impact.

Fiscal Analysis: This bill allows the Board of Medicine to issue a license to certain foreign-trained chiropractors who meet the education, certification, residency, and practice requirements outlined in the bill. The Board will be required to identify educational and professional standards in foreign jurisdictions that are substantially equivalent to those currently required for chiropractors in the Commonwealth. Additionally, the Board may experience an increase in applicants under the new eligibility criteria outlined in the bill; however, it is expected that any new applicant population will be small and will not meaningfully affect workload or staffing capacities. Accordingly, it is expected that any impacts associated with this legislation will be minimal and absorbable within existing resources.

Other: n/a