

## Department of Planning and Budget 2001 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number** HB 1778

**House of Origin**    ☐ Introduced    ☐ Substitute    ☐ Engrossed  
**Second House**    ☐ In Committee    ☐ Substitute    ☒ Enrolled

**2. Patron**        Hamilton, Phillip A.

**3. Committee**    Passed Both Houses

**4. Title**            Health professions; certified nurse aides

**5. Summary/Purpose:** This bill would require the Board of Nursing to establish “career ladders” or specialty certifications for certified nurse aides with appropriate educational and training standards.

**6. Fiscal impact estimates are final**

Expenditure Impact:

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Positions</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2001-02	\$2,500	-	NGF
2002-03	\$2,500	-	NGF

*\*Note: See item 8 for impact beyond FY 2003*

**7. Budget amendment necessary:** None

**8. Fiscal implications:** The bill would necessitate the promulgation of regulations at a cost of approximately \$5,000 over a two year period (The Board of Nursing has over 1,000 persons on their mailing list and this initiative would necessitate the appointment of an ad hoc committee of nurse aide educators).

To institute advanced certifications for nurse aides would require the Board to develop its own examinations, since none exist within the profession. The costs associated with the development and administration of an examination would have to be borne by current certified nurse aides (CNA) and begin in FY 2004. Conservatively, the agency estimates the cost of exam development at \$100,000 to employ the expertise necessary to develop a psychometrically-sound, educationally-valid exam. Since this would be a new state mandate, no federal funds for the nurse aide registry could be used to support it. It would increase expenditures for the Certified Nurse Aide Program and would result in an increase in the renewal fee for CNAs. With approximately 35,000 CNAs, costs associated with the new examination and certifications would likely result in at least a \$5 increase in renewal fees. For persons employed at a minimum wage level, even a modest increase in fees could have a negative impact on the number that choose to re-certify.

**9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected:** Department of Health Professions

**10. Technical amendment necessary:** None

**11. Other comments:** None

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cc: Secretary of Health and Human Resources

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