

**Department of Planning and Budget  
2003 Fiscal Impact Statement**

**1. Bill Number** HB1792

**House of Origin**    ☐ Introduced    ☐ Substitute    ☐ Engrossed

**Second House**    ☐ In Committee    ☐ Substitute    ☒ Enrolled

**2. Patron**        Tata

**3. Committee**    Passed Both Houses

**4. Title**            Default on certain educational loans; occupational licenses suspension

**5. Summary/Purpose:** Authorize a nonobligee to petition for the suspension of any state -issued authority to engage in a business, trade, or occupation when an obligor is delinquent or in default in the payment of a federal or state guaranteed educational loan or work -conditional scholarship. Thirty days' notice must be given prior to filing the petition. The board may order reinstatement of the license upon compliance with payment terms by the obligor.

**6. Fiscal Impact Estimates are:** Final, see item 8.

**7. Budget amendment necessary:** No

**8. Fiscal implications:** This legislation places the burden on health regulatory boards to consider petitions in cases of those in default or delinquent in the payment of a federal or state guaranteed educational loan or work -conditional scholarship and to make judgments about payment and impact on employment. Currently, health regulatory boards are responsible for determining whether a licensee has engaged in unprofessional conduct in violation of law or regulation. It now places boards in the position of resolving a dispute between two parties engaged in what would otherwise be civil litigation.

There is no precedence at Department of Health Professionals for processing and adjudicating a petition from a nonobligor. Therefore, estimating the fiscal impact of this legislation is impossible. However, it is likely that the passage of this legislation would necessitate the retraining of the appropriate boards and board staff to settle disputes in matters of child support. In addition, there is no mechanism for these boards to recoup the cost associated with the investigation and adjudication of such cases.

**9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected:**    Court System, Department of Health Professionals

**10. Technical amendment necessary:** No

**11. Other comments:** None

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