

Department of Planning and Budget 2008 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB 151

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

2. Patron: Lucas

3. Committee: Passed Both Houses

4. Title: Dental assistants; Board of Dentistry to regulate practice

5. Summary: Requires the Board of Dentistry to regulate the practice of dental assistants.

6. Fiscal Impact Estimates are Final (See fiscal implications)

7. Budget Amendment Necessary: No. The Department of Health Professions will adjust fee revenue to meet the anticipated cost of regulation. The department's appropriation can be adjusted once the expenditure impact is more clearly determined.

8. Fiscal Implications: It is estimated that there are approximately 2,240 individuals that will qualify as a dental assistant II, about half of the number of licensed dental hygienists. The bill will require the promulgation of regulations, which will take effect in 18 months to two years following the effective date of the bill. The Board of Dentistry will require an additional position to administer a new category of regulated professional. Assuming this position was hiring in January of 2010, the Department of Health Professions would expend \$32,060 in salary/benefits; \$3,210 in supplies and equipment; and \$1,500 for information technology charges (\$36,770). The cost would be \$64,120 in salary/benefits; \$6,410 in supplies and equipment; \$1,090 in mailings/licenses and \$1,500 for information technology charges (\$73,120) for each subsequent year. These costs do not include any expenditures relating to investigations and disciplinary proceedings which cannot be determined.

The biennial renewal fee for the newly regulated dental assistants is cannot be estimated at this time. However, income from renewal and application fees is expected to offset the additional cost of the position in the Board of Dentistry as well as the expenditures associated with regulating this profession. If there is an unexpected number of complaints and disciplinary proceedings, the renewal fee would need to be adjusted to cover the increased costs.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:
Department of Health Professions

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: This legislation is a companion to HB 1431.

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cc: Secretary of Health and Human Resources