

Department of Planning and Budget 2012 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB 346

House of Origin	<input type="checkbox"/> Introduced	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Engrossed
Second House	<input type="checkbox"/> In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enrolled

2. Patron: O'Bannon, John M. III

3. Committee: Passed Both Houses

4. Title: Nurse practitioners; practice as part of patient care teams

5. Summary: The enrolled bill amends provisions governing the practice of nurse practitioners. The bill provides that nurse practitioners shall only practice as part of a patient care team and shall maintain appropriate collaboration and consultation, as evidenced in a written or electronic practice agreement, with at least one patient care team physician licensed to practice medicine in the Commonwealth. The bill also establishes requirements for written or electronic practice agreements for nurse practitioners, provides that physicians practicing as part of a patient care team may require nurse practitioners practicing as part of that patient care team to be covered by professional malpractice insurance, and amends requirements related to the prescriptive authority of nurse practitioners practicing as part of a patient care team.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No

7. No Fiscal Impact

8. Fiscal Implications: The minimal fiscal impact associated with the required promulgation of regulations will be absorbed by the department.

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

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: None

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