

## Department of Planning and Budget 2015 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number:** SB 1294

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

**2. Patron:** Martin

**3. Committee:** Education and Health

**4. Title:** Board of Nursing; criminal history record check for applicants for licensure.

**5. Summary:** Establishes state and federal criminal history background check requirements for applicants for licensure as a practical nurse or registered nurse, beginning January 1, 2016.

**6. Budget Amendment Necessary:** Yes. The Department of State Police have indicated that an additional appropriation and an additional nongeneral position would be required to implement the provisions of this bill. The revenue to support this position would come from a new fee (estimated at \$50) paid by applicants for licensure per the provisions of this bill.

**7. Fiscal Impact Estimates:**

**7a. Expenditure Impact:**

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Positions</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2015	-	-	-
2016	500,000	1.0	Nongeneral
2017	500,000	1.0	Nongeneral
2018	500,000	1.0	Nongeneral
2018	500,000	1.0	Nongeneral
2020	500,000	1.0	Nongeneral
2021	500,000	1.0	Nongeneral

**7b. Revenue Impact:**

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2015	-	-
2016	500,000	Nongeneral
2017	500,000	Nongeneral
2018	500,000	Nongeneral
2019	500,000	Nongeneral
2020	500,000	Nongeneral
2021	500,000	Nongeneral

**8. Fiscal Implications:** This bill would require each of the approximately 10,000 annual applicants for licensure as practical or registered nurse to submit fingerprints and provide personal descriptive information to be forwarded along with his fingerprints through the

Central Criminal Records Exchange to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for the purpose of obtaining criminal history record information regarding the applicant.

The bill requires the applicant to pay the cost (estimated at \$50) of the mandated background checks. The Department of Health Professions (DHP) received appropriation and positions in the introduced budget to hire a contractor that would assist nursing applicants request and receive the necessary background checks through the Department of State Police. The cost of this contract is being supported with licensure fee revenue from the Board of Nursing; it is assumed that all background check fee revenue from applicants would go to State Police to support the cost of administering and performing the necessary checks. The anticipated revenue associated with this bill was not appropriated to the Department of State Police in the introduced budget; therefore, this statement reflects the need to appropriate the additional revenue, estimated at \$500,000 annually that would be received by the Department of State Police. In addition, the Department of State Police requires an additional nongeneral fund position to assist with the increased workload.

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:**

Department of Health Professions

Department of State Police

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** No.

**11. Other Comments:** SB1018, introduced by Senator Dance, is a companion bill.