

Department of Planning and Budget

2015 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB944

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

2. Patron: Favola

3. Committee: Education and Health

4. Title: Reporting requirements concerning health professionals.

5. Summary: Adds the director of a licensed home health organization, the director of a licensed hospice organization and the director of an accredited home health organization exempt from licensure to the list of those persons required to report to the Director of the Department of Health Professions disciplinary actions against and certain disorders of health professionals. Current law requires the chief executive officer and chief of staff of a hospital or other health care institution and the administrator of an assisted living facility to make such reports. The bill contains technical amendments.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. No Fiscal Impact.

8. Fiscal Implications: This substitute bill would not have a fiscal impact on the Commonwealth. The Department of Health Professions has stated that although the bill would cause an increase in reporting, the agency will be able to absorb the number of cases. The bill does not necessitate any increase in staff or any increase in licensing fees. The bill may promulgate a change in regulations, but that will not have a fiscal impact on the state.

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

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.