Department of Planning and Budget 2016 Fiscal Impact Statement

1.	Bill Number:	SB265		
	House of Origin	Introduced	Substitute	Engrossed
	Second House	In Committee	Substitute	Enrolled

- **2. Patron:** Dance
- 3. Committee: Education and Health
- 4. Title: Health professions; Nurse Licensure Compact.
- **5. Summary:** Replaces the current Nurse Licensure Compact to which Virginia is a party with a revised version. The current Nurse Licensure Compact is a multistate nursing compact that provides the structure for the reciprocal recognition of other states' licenses to practice as a registered nurse or a licensed practical nurse. The revised compact, among other changes, adds recognition of other states' licenses to practice as a licensed vocational nurse. The bill becomes effective upon adoption of the Nurse Licensure Compact by 26 states or on December 31, 2018, whichever comes first. The bill repeals the current Nurse Licensure Compact (Article 6 of Chapter 30 of Title 54.1) effective on the date the new compact becomes effective. The bill also provides that the Virginia Nurses association may request that the General Assembly reconsider the Nurse Licensure Compact if its constituency becomes dissatisfied with the Compact's provisions.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

- 7. No Fiscal Impact.
- **8. Fiscal Implications:** This bill would not have a fiscal impact on the Commonwealth. The bill replaces the current compact with a revised version. The primary cost of the new compact is the requirement for criminal background checks; however the agency already performs this function.
- 9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: None.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.