

## Department of Planning and Budget 2018 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number:** SB1106

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

**2. Patron:** Peake

**3. Committee:** Education and Health

**4. Title:** Licensure of physical therapists and physical therapist assistants.

**5. Summary:** Authorizes Virginia to become a signatory to the Physical Therapy Licensure Compact. The Compact permits eligible licensed physical therapists and physical therapist assistants to practice in Compact member states, provided they are licensed in at least one member state. In addition, the bill requires each applicant for licensure in the Commonwealth as a physical therapist or physical therapist assistant to submit fingerprints and provide personal descriptive information in order for the Board to receive a state and federal criminal history record report for each applicant. The bill has a delayed effective date of January 1, 2020, and directs the Board of Physical Therapy to adopt emergency regulations to implement the provisions of the bill.

**6. Budget Amendment Necessary:** Yes.

**7. Fiscal Impact Estimates:** See item #8.

**7a. Expenditure Impact:**

| <i>Fiscal Year</i> | <i>Dollars</i> | <i>Positions</i> | <i>Fund</i> |
|--------------------|----------------|------------------|-------------|
| 2019               |                |                  |             |
| 2020               | \$33,220       | 1                | General     |
| 2021               | \$66,439       | 1                | General     |
| 2022               | \$66,439       | 1                | General     |
| 2023               | \$66,439       | 1                | General     |
| 2024               | \$66,439       | 1                | General     |
| 2025               | \$66,439       | 1                | General     |

**8. Fiscal Implications:**

**Department of Health Professions:** There is currently no membership fee for Virginia to join the Physical Therapy Compaction Commissions. There is, however, an anticipated fiscal impact to the Board of Physical Therapy in terms of loss of revenue from licensure fees. These include renewal fees from current Virginia licensees who live in a state where the compact has been enacted and licensure fees from individuals currently licensed in another state who require a license in Virginia. Using data from the Federation of State Boards of

Physical Therapy (FSBPT), the estimated biennial loss of renewal fees could range from between \$64,960 - \$125,280. Using data from endorsement licensure applications in 2017, the estimated biennial loss of fees from licensure by endorsement could range from \$0 - \$98,920. However, because the number of licensees who would no longer obtain or maintain licensure in Virginia is speculative and the attrition rate for Virginia licensees as the compact comes into effect is unknown, the overall impact is difficult to calculate. While the total impact is unknown, the Department of Health Professions has stated that the Board of Pharmacy could absorb any projected loss by the board without any anticipated increase in fees.

**Virginia Department of State Police:** This legislation will require the State Police Central Criminal Records Exchange (CCRE) to process an additional 1200 to 1500 sets of fingerprints per year for the licensure of physical therapists and physical therapist assistants. The current staffing of the Fingerprint section of CCRE is not adequate to absorb any additional work to meet the requirements of this legislation. Based on current work processes in the CCRE, it is estimated that one person will be needed for the additional fingerprint searches, billing and record review. An Office Services Specialist would be needed at an annual rate of \$66,439 (salary and fringe). Because the bill has a delayed effect of January 1, 2020, the first year costs are reduced accordingly.

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Department of Health Professions and the Virginia Department of State Police.

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

**11. Other Comments:** None.