

Department of Planning and Budget

2021 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB1817S1

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

2. Patron: Adams, D.M.

3. Committee: Education and Health

4. Title: Practice of certified nurse midwives.

5. Summary: Eliminates the requirement that certified nurse midwives practice pursuant to a practice agreement and provides that certified nurse midwives shall practice in accordance with regulations of the Boards of Medicine and Nursing and consistent with the Standards for the Practice of Midwifery set by the American College of Nurse-Midwives and shall consult and collaborate with and refer patients to such other health care providers as may be appropriate for the care of the patient. That the Department of Health Professions shall conduct a study that examines the impacts of certified nurse midwives that transition to independent practice has had on patient safety in states that have implemented such policies. The study shall examine and evaluate the regulatory requirements of other states and recommend metrics to be used to assess clinical competence and readiness. The Department of Health Professions shall provide a report back to the Chairmen of the Senate Committee on Education and Health and the House Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions by October 1, 2021

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. No Fiscal Impact.

8. Fiscal Implications: This bill, as amended, would not have a fiscal impact on the Commonwealth. Any impact on the boards to adopt regulations and conduct the study can be absorbed within existing resources.

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

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.