

Department of Planning and Budget 2010 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB 727

House of Origin Introduced ___ Substitute ___ Engrossed
Second House ___ In Committee ___ Substitute ___ Enrolled

2. Patron: Miller

3. Committee: Education and Health

4. Title: Kinesiotherapists; licensure required

5. Summary: This bill will create a Board of Kinesiotherapy within the Department of Health Professions responsible for the licensure and regulation of kinesiotherapists.

6. Fiscal impact estimates are unknown (see item 8)

7. Budget Amendment Necessary: No. There is no clear estimate as to the additional expenditure required for the creation of the board, however additional nongeneral fund appropriation can be provided administratively once such spending needs are determined.

8. Fiscal Implications: The creation of a separate board within the Department of Health Professions for the licensure and regulation of kinesiotherapists would necessitate an increase in the agency budget and number of positions.

The fee structure for professions regulated by the Department of Health Professions (DHP) is established as to offset the anticipated costs of the board. While the agency cannot estimate the number of kinesiotherapists in Virginia; it was reported that there are approximately 250 who have completed degrees and 37 registered kinesiotherapists who are members of the national association. There is no other state that licenses kinesiotherapists. Therefore, there is no clear way to determine the potential number of individuals that would apply for licensure.

For the purposes of determining the magnitude of potential fees, it is assumed that 200 would do so. The agency reports that the annual budget for a small board of approximately 1,500 licensees (Board of Optometry) is about \$357,000. Again, for the purpose illustrating the potential fee burden, it is assumed that the annual cost for this board would be \$200,000, which includes the direct costs for staffing, board support, and the allocated expenditures from the department. Therefore, the fee burden for each licensed kinesiotherapist could be \$1,000 each. Again, that number could vary significantly as the variables assumed in this statement are best guess estimates.

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

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: None

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