

Department of Planning and Budget 2012 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB 517

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

2. Patron: Wagner, Frank W.

3. Committee: Education and Health

4. Title: Nursing education programs; requires Board of Nursing to implement certain due process requirements

5. Summary: The proposed legislation requires the Board of Nursing to implement certain “due process” requirements to be followed before restricting the enrollment of any nursing education program.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No. There is no clear estimate as to the additional expenditure required by this legislation, however additional nongeneral fund appropriation can be provided administratively once such spending needs are determined.

7. Fiscal Impact Cannot Be Determined (See item 8)

8. Fiscal Implications: The Department of Health Professions reports that procedures for taking action against a nursing education program set out in the proposed legislation are largely covered by the Administrative Process Act and Board of Nursing regulation. Therefore, no additional costs are expected for the implementation of these provisions. However, bill would also require the Board of Nursing to informally investigate any complaint against a nursing education program. The board currently receives numerous complaints from students, employers, faculty, administrators, etc. about nursing education programs; many of those are handled by board staff without an investigation into possible violations of law or regulation. If the Board of Nursing is required to “investigate” any complaint, it will be required to utilize agency enforcement staff for that purpose, thereby increasing its allocated costs for that division. While the board cannot estimate the number of complaints that would have to be investigated; it expects the bill could increase its annual investigation costs by at least \$80,000. This additional cost would have to be borne by the Board of Nursing with revenue generated from regulatory fees. Moreover, it is estimated that an additional \$80,000 of expenditures would require the Board of Nursing to increase some licensing fees in order to generate sufficient revenue.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Department of

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: None

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