

## Department of Planning and Budget 2014 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number:** SB 328

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

**2. Patron:** Barker, George L.

**3. Committee:** Education and Health

**4. Title:** Surgical technologists and surgical assistants; certification and licensure

**5. Summary:** The proposed legislation requires certification for surgical technologists and licensure for surgical assistants and provides requirements for such certification and licensure. The bill creates the Advisory Board on Surgical Technology and Surgical Assisting to assist the Board of Medicine in the regulation of surgical technologists and surgical assistants.

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

**7. Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Preliminary

**Expenditure Impact:**

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Positions</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2014	-	-	-
2015	\$59,000	1.0	Nongeneral Funds
2016	\$59,000	1.0	Nongeneral Funds
2017	\$59,000	1.0	Nongeneral Funds
2018	\$59,000	1.0	Nongeneral Funds
2019	\$59,000	1.0	Nongeneral Funds
2020	\$59,000	1.0	Nongeneral Funds

**8. Fiscal Implications:** Although the regulation of surgical assistants and technologists will have a fiscal impact on the Board of Medicine, a specific amount and impact on regulatory fees can only be estimated. It is assumed that costs for the Board of Medicine will increase in licensing and disciplinary functions. The fee structure for professions regulated by the Department of Health Professions (DHP) is established as to offset the anticipated costs of the board. Although the department does not have an exact estimates, it maintains that there are approximately 500 surgical assistants and 2,000 surgical technicians in the Commonwealth. Based on these numbers and the potential workload associated with regulating these professions, the department would need an additional full-time position in licensing for the Board of Medicine. Costs for a licensing specialist would increase expenditures for the board by an estimated \$55,000 per year. Each profession regulated by the DHP has a dedicated advisory board, which costs approximately \$4,000 per year. This amount includes four annual meetings for the five advisory members and the associated costs

to attend the four annual meetings of the full Board of Medicine. In addition, there is the cost of licensure and disciplinary functions. It is estimated that the anticipated revenue generated by licensure of this profession will be adequate to support an additional advisory board and the costs associated with licensure and discipline.

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

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** No

**11. Other Comments:** None

**Date:** 1/10/14