

## Department of Planning and Budget 2015 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number:** HB2295

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

**2. Patron:**        Stolle

**3. Committee:** General Laws and Technology

**4. Title:**         Real Estate Board; educational requirements for salespersons.

**5. Summary:** Requires curricula for salespersons who are new licensees of the Real Estate Board and for the continuing education curricula of salespersons to include information on flood hazard areas and the National Flood Insurance Program. The bill contains a technical amendment.

**6. Budget Amendment Necessary:** Yes. Item 117 of HB1400/SB800.

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

**Expenditure Impact:**

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Positions</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2015	\$0	0.0	n/a
2016	\$116,000	0.0	Dedicated Special Revenue (0900)
2017	\$0	0.0	n/a
2018	\$0	0.0	n/a
2019	\$0	0.0	n/a
2020	\$0	0.0	n/a
2021	\$0	0.0	n/a

**8. Fiscal Implications:** This bill increases the administrative and regulatory responsibilities of the Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation (DPOR) by requiring the Real Estate Board to revise the post-license education and continuing education programs to include the topics of flood hazard areas and the National Flood Insurance Program.

DPOR will be required to programmatically update the licensing system to accommodate the revised educational requirements. This update is expected to be completed by current DPOR staff. The Board expects to send two mailings to the approximately 58,000 licensed education providers, salespersons, and brokers to provide notice of the revised educational requirements at a total cost of approximately \$116,000. The Board will also need to revise the Real Estate Board Regulations to include the updated educational requirements. This update is expected to be drafted by current DPOR staff and reviewed and approved at a regularly scheduled Board meeting.

The Board-approved education providers will be required to develop the course materials to include the flood hazard and insurance information. The costs to the education providers are indeterminate at this time.

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation.

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** Yes.

**11. Other Comments:** None.