

Department of Planning and Budget

2015 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB 861

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: Chafin

3. Committee: Courts of Justice

4. Title: Nurse practitioners can testify as expert witnesses.

5. Summary: Allows a nurse practitioner to testify as an expert witness in a court of law on certain matters within the scope of his activities and adds nurse practitioner to the definition of "health care provider" under the medical malpractice statutes.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. No Fiscal Impact.

8. Fiscal Implications: This bill would have no fiscal impact because it updates the Code of Virginia to allow nurse practitioners to testify as an expert witness and adds nurse practitioners to the definition of "health care provider." This bill requires no action from any state agency.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: None.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: HB 1476 , introduced by Delegate Leftwich, is a companion bill.