

## **Department of Planning and Budget**

### **2016 Fiscal Impact Statement**

**1. Bill Number:** SB212

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

**2. Patron:** Dunnavant

**3. Committee:** Education and Health

**4. Title:** Health regulatory boards; membership and terms.

**5. Summary:** Amends statutes governing membership and terms of various health regulatory boards. The bill (i) provides that members appointed by the Governor to serve on the Board of Health Professions for four-year terms under current law shall serve such terms or terms concurrent with their terms as members of health regulatory boards, whichever is less; (ii) increases the membership of the Health Practitioners' Monitoring Program Committee from seven to nine members by increasing the number of licensed, certified, or registered practitioners from seven to eight members and adding a citizen member; (iii) increases the membership of the Board of Dentistry from 10 to 11 members by increasing the number of citizen members from one to two; (iv) increases the membership of the Board of Nursing from 13 to 14 members by increasing the required number of registered nurses from seven to eight members and also increasing the number of such registered nurses who must be licensed nurse practitioners from one to two; and (v) reduces the total number of members of the Board of Counseling from 14 to 12 by reducing the number of licensed substance abuse treatment practitioners from three to one. In addition, the bill replaces the requirement that three members of the Board of Counseling be clinical fellows of the American Association of Marriage and Family Therapy with a requirement that three members be licensed marriage and family therapists and removes the requirement that at least two members representing each specialty on the Board of Counseling shall have been in active practice for a least four years.

**6. Budget Amendment Necessary:** No.

**7. Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Minimal, see item 8.

**8. Fiscal Implications:** This bill as amended would have a minimal fiscal impact on the Commonwealth. The addition of a member to the Boards of Dentistry and Nursing could result in a minimal increase in expenditures. Since members are only reimbursed for cost of travel for attendance at meetings, the cost would not affect the overall budget of those boards or of the Department. The decrease in two members for the Board of Counseling will not affect its overall budget.

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

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** No.

**11. Other Comments:** None.