

Department of Planning and Budget

2016 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB551

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

2. Patron: Cosgrove

3. Committee: Education and Health

4. Title: Physician assistants.

5. Summary: Provides that it is unlawful for a person to use in connection with his name the words or letters "Physician Assistant" or "PA" unless he is a licensed physician assistant. The bill eliminates the successful completion of a physician assistant program or surgical physician assistant program accredited by the Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant as a requirement for licensure as a physician assistant; passage of a national certifying examination and documentation of good standing are still required for licensure. The bill requires a physician assistant to enter into a written or electronic practice agreement with at least one supervising physician or podiatrist, to maintain evidence of such agreement, and to provide it to the Board upon request. The bill contains technical amendments.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. No Fiscal Impact.

8. Fiscal Implications: This bill as amended would not have a fiscal impact on the Commonwealth. The bill updates regulations related to physician assistants and would not impact agency operations.

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

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.