

Department of Planning and Budget

2020 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB245

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: Surovell

3. Committee: Education and Health

4. Title: Conversion therapy, prohibited by certain health care providers.

5. Summary: Prohibits any health care provider or person who performs counseling as part of his training for any profession licensed by a regulatory board of the Department of Health Professions from engaging in conversion therapy, as defined in the bill, with any person under 18 years of age and provides that such counseling constitutes unprofessional conduct and is grounds for disciplinary action. The bill provides that no state funds shall be expended for the purpose of conducting conversion therapy, referring a person for conversion therapy, extending health benefits coverage for conversion therapy, or awarding a grant or contract to any entity that conducts conversion therapy or refers individuals for conversion therapy.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Cannot be determined, see item #8.

8. Fiscal Implications: The Department of Health Professions' health regulatory boards have already adopted guidance and have initiated rulemaking consistent with provisions of the bill. The regulations could generate complaints that would have to be investigated and adjudicated, which may impact the Boards and the Department in the future. The extent of this impact cannot be determined.

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

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: HB386, introduced by Delegate Hope, is a companion bill.