

Department of Planning and Budget 2023 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB1227

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

2. Patron: Morrissey

3. Committee: General Laws and Technology

4. Title: Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation; effect of criminal convictions on licensure; data to be included in biennial report.

5. Summary: Provides for consideration of certain factors to be made by any regulatory board through an individualized assessment prior to denying an application for licensure, certification, or registration for any occupation or profession regulated by the Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation (DPOR) where such denial was made in whole or in part upon the existence of the applicant's criminal record. The bill requires, beginning July 1, 2026, the Department to include certain data related to the criminal history of applicants to each regulatory board in its biennial report.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary.

7a. Expenditure Impact:

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Positions</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2025	62,604	-	NGF
2026	53,604	-	NGF
2027	53,604	-	NGF
2028	53,604	-	NGF
2029	53,604	-	NGF

8. Fiscal Implications: It is anticipated that this bill will result in a nongeneral fund expenditure impact on the Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation (DPOR) as the bill increases the administrative responsibilities of the department by requiring the compilation and reporting of criminal history data for all regulatory boards within DPOR. Data compiled will be included in the agency's biennial report, which currently must be submitted by November 1 of each even numbered year.

DPOR anticipates that one part-time wage band 3 employee is needed to compile the data required to be reported in the biennial report. Staff costs at the current wage employee hourly rate are expected to be \$38,754 beginning in FY 2025. This is a recurring cost that will continue into future years.

In FY 2025, DPOR will need to purchase furniture and equipment for the new position at an estimated cost of \$9,000. This is a one-time expenditure that will not continue into future years. Other operating costs beginning in FY 2025 and recurring in future years include telephone, employee development, computer operating support, and supplies. These costs are estimated at \$14,850 each year.

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

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: This bill reenacts SB 409 and HB 282 as passed by the 2022 General Assembly.