

Department of Planning and Budget 2024 Session Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB1499

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

2. Patron: Willett

3. Committee: Appropriations

4. Title: Virginia Health Workforce Development Authority.

5. Summary: Modifies the enabling legislation for the Virginia Health Workforce Development Authority by adding four additional ex officio members to the Authority's Board of Directors, adding managing primary care graduate medical education programs and managing the Health Workforce Innovation Fund to the duties of the Authority, specifying additional recipients of the Board's biennial report, and authorizing the Authority to partner with other agencies and institutions to obtain and manage health workforce data.

The bill establishes the Virginia Health Workforce Innovation Fund to be administered by the Board of the Virginia Health Workforce Development Authority. The Board shall use the Fund to provide grants to facilitate regional collaboration on health care innovation and workforce development and the formation of regional, employer-led partnerships that prioritize workforce growth and training. The bill provides for the formation across the Commonwealth of regional councils, defined in the bill, consisting of representatives from the government, health care, and education sectors. Under the bill, regional councils may submit applications for collaborative projects in their regions that enhance private-sector growth, competitiveness, and workforce development. A portion of the grant funds will be awarded on a population basis and a portion on a competitive basis.

The bill directs the Board of Nursing and Board of Psychology to amend and promulgate regulations.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: See item 8.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary.

8. Fiscal Implications: The provisions of this legislation would have a fiscal impact on the Board of Psychology to psychological practitioners. The Department of Health Professions (DHP) estimates that the new registration category be equal to the current number of licensed psychologists.

The boards are currently at operating capacity and in need of additional licensing staff to handle the existing licensing volume. The agency estimates it would need one position at \$88,000, which would be supported by application fees.

This bill would not have a fiscal impact on the Virginia Department of Health, the Department of Workforce Development and Advancement, or the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia.

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

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.