

Department of Planning and Budget 2024 Session Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB1499

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: 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, in particular, 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.

That the Virginia Health Workforce Development Authority, in collaboration with the Department of Labor, the Department of Health Professions, the Department of Education, the Virginia Community College System, the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia, the Department of Health, and representatives from for-profit and private not-for-profit health care providers, educational institutions, research centers, and the regional Area Health Education Centers shall develop an employer-led collective impact program (the program) to align, coordinate, and integrate resources and efforts across the Commonwealth to strengthen the health and health sciences workforce.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: See item 8.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary.

8. Fiscal Implications: The Department of Workforce Development and Advancement (DWDA) has stated they can handle any increase in workload within existing resources.

Multiple bills place similar requirements on the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia (SCHEV) related to new programs. Depending on the number of programs established under SCHEV, SCHEV may support these activities with a wage employee or may need to hire an additional employee to support multiple new programs.

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 Department of Health.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Virginia Health Workforce Development Authority, Department of Health Professions

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: Page 5, Line 256, strike "Labor", and insert "Workforce Development and Advancement."

11. Other Comments: HB30/SB30 implements Chapter 624, 2023 Acts of Assembly; which transfers workforce apprenticeship programs from the Department of Labor and Industry to the newly established Department of Workforce Development and Advancement.