

Department of Planning and Budget 2024 Session Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB324

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

2. Patron: Glass

3. Committee: Passed both Houses.

4. Title: PA Licensure Compact.

5. Summary: Authorizes Virginia to become a signatory to the PA Licensure Compact. The Compact permits eligible physician assistants to practice in Compact-participating states, provided that they are licensed in at least one participating state. The Compact has been passed in three states and takes effect when it is enacted by a seventh participating state or upon the effective date of the bill, whichever is later. That any applicant for a multistate license shall pay the costs of performing any background check required by the PA Licensure Compact.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Indeterminate.

8. Fiscal Implications: The Department of Health Professions would incur costs for participation in a PA Licensure Compact, however, there is insufficient information available to determine the impact. The agency indicates that there will be costs incurred for membership and for travel by staff and board members. According to the Department of Health Professions, the PA Licensure Compact has not provided its fee structure to member states and therefore any fiscal impact cannot be determined at this time for participation in the compact.

This compact requires criminal background checks (CBC); however, it cannot be determined how many additional background checks would be required as a result of this legislation. As such the total fiscal impact to the Virginia State Police is unknown. The bill states that the applicant is responsible for the costs of fingerprinting required by the compact. Any such revenue received should be sufficient to handle any increase in workload for CBC.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: The Department of Health Professions and the Virginia State Police.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.