

Department of Planning and Budget 2024 Session Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB155

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: Head

3. Committee: Education and Health

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, directing changes to regulations regarding qualifications for nursing faculty and qualified mental health professionals, establishing a work group to address health workforce shortages, and creating a program for health workforce development. The bill directs the Board of Nursing and the Board of Counseling to adopt emergency regulations to implement relevant provisions of the bill and for the work group to submit its report to the Governor and the relevant committees of the General Assembly by October 1, 2025.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Indeterminate.

8. Fiscal Implications: The provisions of this legislation would have an indeterminate impact. The Department of Workforce Development and Advancement (DWDA) anticipates that developing an employer-led collective as required in the bill may result in an indeterminate expenditure impact. Based on initial grants the Blue Ridge Partnership for Health Sciences Careers received in 2019 and also the Southern Virginia Partnership for Health Sciences Careers launched in 2022, DWDA estimates that up to \$150,000 may be needed to carry out similar programs in other regions. This cost may be absorbed by engaged partners . According to DWDA, there are five core regions focused on life sciences. The cost of the implementation is undeterminable, as it depends on the finalized plan.

Additionally, 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.

This bill would not have a fiscal impact on the Department of Health or the Department of Health Professions.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: DWDA and SCHEV.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

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. Page 1, Line 13, strike "Labor", and insert "Workforce Development and Advancement."