

## Department of Planning and Budget 2024 Session Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number:** SB239

<b>House of Origin</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Introduced	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Engrossed
<b>Second House</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enrolled

**2. Patron:** Hashmi

**3. Committee:** Passed both Houses.

**4. Title:** Social Work Licensure Compact.

**5. Summary:** Authorizes Virginia to become a signatory to the Social Work Licensure Compact. The Compact allows social workers who have or are eligible for an active, unencumbered license in the compact member state where they reside to apply for a multistate license. After verifying eligibility, the social worker is granted a multistate license that authorizes practice in all other compact member states. The Compact takes effect when it is enacted by a seventh member state.

**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 Social Work 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 Social Work 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. Currently, one fingerprint technician can process 10,000 checks per year. Therefore, the potential increase can be handled within existing resources. 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.