

Department of Legislative Services  
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE  
Revised

Senate Bill 316 (Senator Hollinger)  
Economic and Environmental Affairs

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**Board of Physician Quality Assurance - Physician Assistants Advisory Committee -  
Membership**

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This bill alters the composition of the seven-member Physician Assistants Advisory Committee (advisory committee). The changes include requiring: (1) a member of the Board of Physician Quality Assurance (board) to serve as a voting representative at all meetings of the advisory committee; (2) two of the three physician members on the advisory committee to be previously or currently serving as supervising physicians of a physician-assistant under a board-approved job description; and (3) the certified physician assistant members to be practicing as physician assistants or employed as faculty members of an accredited physician assistant program. The bill also repeals the requirement that the board adopt regulations regarding the appointment of a chairperson and other committee officers. In addition, the bill requires the advisory committee chairperson and secretary to be selected every two years and the chairperson to serve in an advisory capacity to the board.

The bill takes effect July 1, 1998.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** None. Altering the composition of the committee would not affect State finances.

**Local Effect:** None.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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