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FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 1051 (Delegate Hubbard. *et al.*)

Environmental Matters

State Board of Nursing - Nursing Assistants in the Rehabilitation Program

This bill gives the State Board of Nursing's Rehabilitation Committee authority over nursing assistants. The bill also authorizes the board to deny, suspend, or revoke a certificate, or reprimand or place on probation a nursing assistant who is expelled from the rehabilitation program for noncompliance.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Any additional travel reimbursement expenses for committee members could be handled with existing budgeted resources of the State Board of Nursing. No effect on revenues.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: The State Board of Nursing's Rehabilitation Committee administers the rehabilitation program for nurses who have substance abuse problems. The committee evaluates nurses who request participation in a rehabilitation program and recommends admission. It reviews and designates treatment facilities to which a nurse may be referred, and must determine if a nurse who is participating in the program may safely continue in the practice of nursing. If a nurse is expelled from the program for noncompliance, the committee must report the nurse's name and certificate number to the State Board of Nursing so that appropriate disciplinary action may be taken.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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