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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6505

BILL NUMBER: HB 1059

NOTE PREPARED: Dec 20, 2023

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Advanced Practice Registered Nurses.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Ledbetter

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
 DEDICATED
 FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: The bill removes the requirement that an advanced practice registered nurse (APRN) have a practice agreement with a collaborating physician. The bill removes a provision requiring an APRN to operate under a collaborative practice agreement or the privileges granted by a hospital governing board. The bill removes certain provisions concerning the audit of practice agreements. The bill allows an APRN with prescriptive authority to prescribe a schedule II controlled substance for weight reduction or to control obesity. The bill makes conforming changes.

Effective Date: July 1, 2024.

Explanation of State Expenditures: The bill may require changes to rules and information provided by the Professional Licensing Agency (PLA) for APRNs, including their prescriptive authority. The State Board of Nursing (Nursing Board) would need to develop an audit procedure for confirmation of APRN continuing education or a national certification. This provision may increase the PLA's workload, if the agency were to assist in the audit process.

However, the PLA would no longer be required to audit a percentage of practice agreements between physicians and APRNs. This would reduce agency workload and allow existing staff to be devoted to other needs. These requirements are within the PLA's routine administrative functions and should be able to be implemented with no additional appropriations, assuming near customary agency staffing and resource levels.

Similarly, the Medical Licensing Board and the Nursing Board may see a reduction in workload if fewer disciplinary hearings were to occur as a result of removal of APRN-physician practice agreements.

Additional Information– There were 10,410 Indiana licensed APRNs with an active prescriptive authority as of June 30, 2023.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

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State Agencies Affected: Professional Licensing Agency; Medical Licensing Board; State Board of Nursing.

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources: PLA license count data FY 2023.

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