

Department of Planning and Budget 2024 Session Fiscal Impact Statement

1. **Bill Number:** HB426

House of Origin Introduced Substitute Engrossed
Second House In Committee Substitute Enrolled

2. **Patron:** Cole

3. **Committee:** Education and Health

4. **Title:** Board of Counseling; licensure of professional counselors without examination.

5. **Summary:** That the Board of Counseling (the Board) shall recognize the National Counselor Examination (NCE) administered by the National Board for Certified Counselors as a valid examination to meet the qualifications for licensure as a professional counselor in the Commonwealth of Virginia. The Board shall incorporate the NCE into its licensure regulations and procedures, provided that such recognition does not conflict with the requirements set forth in any interstate compacts or agreements to which the Commonwealth is a party.

6. **Budget Amendment Necessary:** No.

7. **No Fiscal Impact.**

8. **Fiscal Implications:** This legislation would not have a fiscal impact on the Department of Health Professions.

9. **Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** None.

10. **Technical Amendment Necessary:** No.

11. **Other Comments:** None.