

Department of Planning and Budget 2022 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. **Bill Number:** HB598

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

2. **Patron:** Hayes

3. **Committee:** Committee Referral Pending

4. **Title:** Registered surgical technologist; criteria for registration.

5. **Summary:** Requires the Board of Medicine to register as a surgical technologist any applicant who has practiced as a surgical technologist or attended a surgical technologist training program at any time prior to October 1, 2022, and registers with the Board by December 31, 2022. Under current law, an applicant who practiced as a surgical technologist at any time in the six months prior to July 1, 2021, and registered by December 31, 2021, is eligible for certification by the Board. The bill also provides that no person shall use the designation "C.S.T." or any variation thereof unless such person (i) is certified by the Board and (ii) has successfully completed an accredited surgical technologist training program and holds a current credential as a certified surgical technologist from the National Board of Surgical Technology and Surgical Assisting or its successor.

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

7. **No Fiscal Impact.**

8. **Fiscal Implications:** The provisions of this bill 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.