

Department of Planning and Budget 2023 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. **Bill Number:** SB1342

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

2. **Patron:** Barker

3. **Committee:** Education and Health

4. **Title:** Licensure of anesthesiologist assistants.

5. **Summary:** Provides that no person shall use or assume the title "anesthesiologist assistant" or hold himself out as an anesthesiologist assistant unless such person holds a license as an anesthesiologist assistant issued by the Board of Medicine, establishes criteria for the licensure of anesthesiologist assistants, and directs the Board of Medicine to adopt regulations governing the licensure of anesthesiologist assistants.

6. **Budget Amendment Necessary:** See item 8.

7. **Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Preliminary, see item 8.

8. **Fiscal Implications:** The provisions of this legislation will have a fiscal impact on the Board of Medicine. DHP asserts that the Board of Medicine will need an additional licensing specialist to handle the increase in licensing workload to meet the provisions of the bill. Based on the latest data from DHP, this position will cost \$85,900 annually from nongeneral funds including salary and fringe benefits. The Board is at capacity reviewing applications for the certified and licensed professions they presently regulate and therefore do not have sufficient staff to absorb this additional population. Fees to issue a two-year license to practice as an anesthesiologist assistant would be comparable to fees for professions licensed by the Board of Medicine and would be set sufficient to cover the costs of the position. Any impact on the Board to adopt regulations can be handled within existing resources.

9. **Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Department of Health Professions.

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

11. **Other Comments:** None.