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STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT
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Bill Number: S. 0345 Introduced on February 1, 2017
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Subject: Nursing Professionals
Requestor: Senate Medical Affairs
RFA Analyst(s): Stein
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Estimate of Fiscal Impact

	FY 2017-18	FY 2018-19
State Expenditure		
General Fund	\$0	\$0
Other and Federal	\$0	\$0
Full-Time Equivalent Position(s)	0.00	0.00
State Revenue		
General Fund	\$0	\$0
Other and Federal	\$0	\$0
Local Expenditure	\$0	\$0
Local Revenue	\$0	\$0

Fiscal Impact Summary

This bill would have no expenditure impact on the General Fund, Federal Funds, or Other Funds.

Explanation of Fiscal Impact

Introduced on February 1, 2017

State Expenditure

This bill expands the scope of practice for certain advanced practice nursing professionals (APRNs) without the requirement for direct or general medical supervision. APRNs include nurse practitioners, certified nurse midwives, and clinical nurse specialists. Examples of the expanded scope include the authorization to provide non-controlled prescription drugs at facilities that provide free medical services to indigents, authorization to certify that a student is unable to attend school but may benefit from bedside instruction, authorization to refer patients to other treatment providers, authorization to certify that an individual is handicapped for purposes of obtaining a handicapped license tag, and authorization to pronounce death and sign death certificates. APRNs diagnosing and prescribing may deliver services via telehealth and must operate within a collaborative practice arrangement. The bill amends definitions to conform to these changes.

Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation. The department indicates that this bill affects the scope of nursing practice for certain advanced practice nurses and does not affect the agency’s role in regulating these professionals. This bill would have no expenditure impact on the General Fund, Federal Funds, or Other Funds.

Department of Health and Environmental Control. The department reports that this bill would have no expenditure impact on the General Fund, Federal Funds, or Other Funds. The provisions of this bill do not impact the public health services provided by the agency.

State Revenue

N/A

Local Expenditure

N/A

Local Revenue

N/A



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