

SOUTH CAROLINA REVENUE AND FISCAL AFFAIRS OFFICE STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT

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Bill Number: H. 4343 Introduced on April 9, 2025

Subject: Human Trafficking Awareness and Prevention Training Requestor: House Medical, Military, Public, and Municipal Affairs

RFA Analyst(s): Welsh

Impact Date: April 17, 2025

Fiscal Impact Summary

This bill requires nurses, physicians, and physician assistants to receive human trafficking awareness and prevention continuing education training. The training must be completed by January 1, 2028, for those licensed before January 1, 2026, or within two years of initial licensure for those licensed after January 1, 2026. The training must be repeated every six years. This bill also requires the Board of Nursing and Board of Medical Examiners to adopt rules necessary to implement the training requirement.

This bill will have no expenditure impact on the Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation (LLR), the Board of Nursing, or the Board of Medical Examiners as LLR anticipates any additional responsibilities can be managed within existing appropriations.

Explanation of Fiscal Impact

Introduced on April 9, 2025 State Expenditure

This bill requires nurses, physicians, and physician assistants to receive human trafficking awareness and prevention continuing education training. The training must be completed by January 1, 2028, for those licensed before January 1, 2026, or within two years of initial licensure for those licensed after January 1, 2026. The training is in addition to existing initial licensure and continuing education requirements and must be repeated every six years. This bill also requires the Board of Nursing and Board of Medical Examiners to adopt rules necessary to implement the training requirement.

This bill will have no expenditure impact on LLR, the Board of Nursing, or the Board of Medical Examiners as LLR anticipates any additional responsibilities can be managed within existing appropriations. For reference, there are currently 95,980 licensed practical nurses, registered nurses, or advance practice registered nurses; 27,409 physicians; and 3,864 physician assistants in South Carolina.

State Revenue

N/A

Local Expenditure

N/A

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N/A

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