



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 2200

PRINTER'S NO. 2889

PRIME SPONSOR: Burns

COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2023/24	FY 2024/25
General Fund	\$0	\$0

SUMMARY:

Requires individuals applying for a license, certificate, registration, or permit as a health care practitioner to submit fingerprints as part of a criminal history background check.

ANALYSIS:

House Bill 2200 Printer's Number 2889 amends Title 63 (Professions and Occupations (State Licensed)) to require individuals applying for a license, certificate, registration, or permit as a health care practitioner to submit fingerprints to the Pennsylvania State Police. The Pennsylvania State Police are required to check the fingerprints against records in the Pennsylvania State central repository and submit the fingerprints to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for the purpose of obtaining a current record of any criminal arrests and convictions and to verify the identity of the applicant. The State Police will send the results of these background checks to the Department of State for the purpose of determining the eligibility of the applicant. The legislation defines "health care practitioner" as an individual who is authorized to practice some component of the healing arts by a license, certificate, registration, or permit issued by one of the following licensing boards:

- State Board of Chiropractic
- State Board of Dentistry
- State Board of Examiners in Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology
- State Board of Medicine
- State Board of Nursing
- State Board of Occupational Therapy and Licensure
- State Board of Optometry
- State Board of Osteopathic Medicine
- State Board of Pharmacy
- State Board of Physical Therapy
- State Board of Podiatry
- State Board of Psychology
- State Board of Social Workers, Marriage and Family Therapists, and Professional Counselors

The Department of State, no later than six months after the effective date of the legislation, is required to adopt policies and procedures necessary to carry out the provisions of this section that comply with the Criminal Justice Information Service Security Policy and applicable Federal and State laws and regulations pertaining to the confidentiality, maintenance, and handling of criminal justice information.

This legislation would take effect in 180 days upon enactment.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Enactment of this legislation will have no impact on Commonwealth funds.

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Estimates are calculated using the best information available. Actual costs and revenue impact incurred may vary from estimates.