



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS
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FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO: 1641 PRINTER'S NO: 2046 PRIME SPONSOR: Gingrich

FISCAL IMPACT SUMMARY	FY 2009/10	FY 2010/11
Expenditure Increase/(Decrease):		
General Fund	\$0*	\$0*

* See Analysis

OVERVIEW:

House Bill 1641 creates the Circulating Nurse Act, requiring that a registered nurse, licensed in the Commonwealth, fill the role of a circulating nurse in certain operating rooms. Any general or specialty hospital is required to use a registered nurse as the circulator in the operating room. Exceptions to this requirement are for specific procedures not performed under general anesthesia or moderate sedation in ambulatory surgical facilities.

The act shall take effect in 60 days.

ANALYSIS:

This act places a requirement on general or specialty hospitals in the Commonwealth. While enactment would not immediately impact Commonwealth funds, a statutory mandate to use higher-paid registered nurses may impact future medical assistance rate negotiations, which could possibly impact future program expenditures.

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