



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 81

PRINTERS NO. 4475

PRIME SPONSOR: Kauffman

COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2020/21	FY 2021/22
General Fund	\$0	\$0

SUMMARY: House Bill 81, Printer's Number 4475, provides for the certification of central service technicians and surgical technologists. This legislation is effective in 60 days.

ANALYSIS: HB 81, the Central Service Technician and Surgical Technologist Regulation Act, establishes certification requirements in separate chapters for central service technicians and surgical technologists and will be administered by the Department of Health.

Requirements for Central Service Technicians:

- Successfully pass a nationally accredited central service exam for central service technicians, and hold/maintain one of the following credentials:
 - Certified registered central service technician credential
 - Certified sterile processing and distribution technician credential
- Annually complete 10 hours of continuing education related to the functions of a central service technician.

Technicians shall have 18 months from the date of hire to comply with certification requirements. HB 81 provides an exemption from certification requirements for persons employed/contracted as a central service technician by a health care facility on or before the effective date of this Act.

Health care facilities must maintain documentation that employed or contracted individuals meet the certification or exemption requirements of this chapter.

The Department of Health shall administer the provisions of this chapter and promulgate and adopt regulations as necessary.

Requirements for Surgical Technologists:

- Meet at least one of the following:

- Successfully complete a program sponsored by an entity holding a nationally recognized institutional or programmatic accreditation and hold and maintain surgical technologist certification from an accredited certification program;
 - Successfully complete an appropriate training program for surgical technology in the U.S. Army, Navy, Air Force; or
 - Provide evidence that the individual maintains a surgical technologist certification from an accredited certification program, was employed to practice surgical technology by the health care facility on or before the effective date of this section, or was employed to practice surgical technology as the individual's primary function in another health care facility at any time during the two years immediately preceding the effective date of this section.
- Annually comply with the continuing education requirements as necessary to maintain the Certified Surgical Technologist credential and provide proof of compliance to the health care facility upon request.

The bill provides an exemption from certification requirements if a health care facility asserts that, following a diligent/thorough search, it is unable to employ or contract with a sufficient number of qualified surgical technologists, and it maintains a written record of its efforts to do so at the facility.

Health care facilities must verify that employed or contracted individuals meet the certification or exemption requirements of this chapter.

The Department of Health is required to enforce the provisions of this chapter.

FISCAL IMPACT: There is no fiscal impact anticipated from enactment of this legislation. The Department of Health should be able to perform its requirements with existing funding.

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