



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 1328

PRINTERS NO. 2641

PRIME SPONSOR: Greiner

COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2021/22	FY 2022/23
Professional Licensure Augmentation Account	\$0	\$0

SUMMARY: Amends the CPA Law to update provisions relating to peer review requirements, code of ethics and education courses. This legislation would take effect in 60 days.

ANALYSIS: This legislation amends Act 140 of 1947 as follows:

Code of Professional Conduct: The legislation directs the State Board of Accountancy (board) to adopt a nationally recognized code of professional conduct.

Requirements for Issuance of a Certificate: This legislation expands the scope of classes a student can take toward earning an accounting degree to include economics and technology to the list of qualified classes.

Licensing Examination: The legislation permits an applicant for licensure to sit for the licensing examination upon completing 120 semester credits.

Peer Review: This legislation makes numerous updates to peer review standards as follows:

- Specifies that the firms that require a peer review will need to be enrolled in a board approved peer review program;
- Eliminates the exception to the peer review requirements that allow firms with two or fewer licensees to have a five-year peer review cycle rather than a three-year cycle;
- Streamlines the peer review submission requirements to allow board access;
- Makes conforming changes to comply with current peer review standards.

FISCAL IMPACT: This legislation would have no adverse fiscal 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.