



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 2293

PRINTERS NO. 3344

PRIME SPONSOR: Bonner

COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2022/23	FY 2023/24
General Fund	See Fiscal Impact	

SUMMARY: House Bill 2293, Printer's Number 3344, amends the Health Care Facilities Act to add a new chapter on temporary health care services agencies. This legislation would be effective immediately upon enactment.

ANALYSIS: HB 2293 provides for registration and oversight of temporary health care services agencies. Agencies must register annually with the Department of Health (DOH) using forms and procedures established by the department and must pay an annual registration fee of at least \$500.

The bill provides that a temporary health care services agency must:

- Provide documentation to a health care facility that an employee of the agency working at the facility meets all licensing or certification, training, and continuing education standards for the position.
- Comply with all requirements relating to the health and other qualifications of personnel employed in a health care facility.
- Not restrict the employment opportunities of health care personnel.
- Carry medical malpractice insurance of at least \$500,000 to insure against loss, damages, or expenses incident to a claim arising out of the death or injury of any individual as the result of negligence or malpractice by an employee of the agency.
- Carry a \$10,000 dishonesty bond for each employee.
- Maintain workers' compensation insurance coverage for all health care personnel provided by the agency.
- Comply with all Pennsylvania employer withholding requirements.
- Retain all records for 10 years.
- Provide health care facilities with proof of applicable criminal records checks for each employee of the agency.

DOH may supplement these requirements through regulation.

The bill requires DOH to conduct oversight of temporary health care services agencies through complaint investigations and other actions necessary to ensure compliance, and provides for remedies, plans of correction, and sanctions for violations. DOH is required to report annually to the General Assembly on administration of this chapter.

FISCAL IMPACT: Enactment of this legislation will have no adverse impact on Commonwealth funds. The bill permits DOH to increase the annual registration fee via regulation as necessary in order to meet the necessary expenses of the department for administration of this chapter.

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