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FISCAL NOTE

FISCAL IMPACT: State Local Statutory Public Entity Conditional No Fiscal Impact

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BILL TOPIC: DELEGATE DISPENSING OVER-THE-COUNTER MEDICATIONS

Fiscal Impact Summary	FY 2017-2018	FY 2018-2019
State Revenue		
State Expenditures	Minimal workload increase.	
Appropriation Required: None.		
Future Year Impacts: Ongoing minimal workload increase.		

Summary of Legislation

The bill allows a professional nurse to delegate to another person, after appropriate training, the dispensing authority of an over-the-counter (OTC) medication to a minor with the signed consent of the minor's parent or guardian. It also allows nurse practitioners to delegate medical functions to a professional nurse or practical nurse, consistent with the medical plan prescribed by a physician, podiatrist, or dentist.

State Expenditures

The bill may result in a minimal, one-time increase in workload for the State Board of Nursing and the Department of Regulatory Agencies to update rules concerning the authority of professional nurses to delegate dispensing authority of OTC medication. On an ongoing basis, state agencies and institutions of higher education that operate medical facilities that employ nurses may have a minimal increase in workload to train staff on the changes under the bill and to track parental consent for delegating authority for dispensing OTC medication to minors. Any workload increases under the bill are assumed to be minimal and no adjustment in appropriations to any state agency is required.

Local Government Impact

Similar to the state impact discussed above, local governments and school districts that employ nurses may have increased workload to train staff on the changes under the bill and to track parental consent for delegating authority for dispensing OTC medication to minors. The impact to local government is expected to be minimal.

Effective Date

The bill takes effect August 9, 2017, if the General Assembly adjourns on May 10, 2017, as scheduled, and no referendum petition is filed.

State and Local Government Contacts

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