



Ohio Legislative Service Commission

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Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

Bill: [H.B. 485 of the 129th G.A.](#)

Date: May 22, 2012

Status: As Introduced

Sponsor: Rep. Pelanda

Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No

Contents: Authorizes certified registered nurse anesthetists to issue medication orders for drugs to patients in certain circumstances

State Fiscal Highlights

- No direct fiscal effect on the state.

Local Fiscal Highlights

- No direct fiscal effect on political subdivisions.

Detailed Fiscal Analysis

The bill authorizes certified registered nurse anesthetists (CRNAs) to issue medication orders that direct authorized professionals (e.g., registered nurses and respiratory therapists) to administer drugs to patients, under certain restrictions, during the phases of patient care directly related to the activities CRNAs are authorized to perform. The bill maintains that CRNAs must practice under the supervision of a physician, podiatrist, or dentist. The bill expands the definitions of "licensed health professional authorized to prescribe drugs" and "prescriber" to include CRNAs, but only to the extent that they order the administration of drugs to patients pursuant to the bill. The bill also specifies that a CRNA is not required to obtain a certificate to prescribe from the Board of Nursing in order to issue medication orders; under existing law, a CRNA is not required to obtain a certificate to prescribe in order to provide the anesthesia care the CRNA is authorized to provide.

The Board of Nursing does not expect any significant fiscal impact from the bill. The Board does not expect the bill to result in any significant change in revenues or administrative costs, as the bill does not directly affect licensing requirements, disciplinary authority, or other Board activities with respect to CRNAs. There may be minimal costs for the Board to establish rules pertaining to CRNAs issuing medication orders. Any increase in costs will be absorbed within the Board's existing resources. There are currently about 2,500 CRNAs in the state licensed by the Board.