

## FISCAL NOTE

May 19, 2017

<b>Bill No:</b>	SB 25	<b>Printer's No:</b>	507	<b>Sponsor:</b>	Bartolotta (R)
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### COST / (SAVINGS)

Fund (s)	2019-20 (First full fiscal year)	2020-21
General Fund – Bureau of Professional and Occupational Affairs Restricted Account	\$956,475	\$809,660

**SUMMARY:** This bill would amend the Professional Nursing Law to provide licenses to Advanced Practice Registered Nurse-Certified Nurse Practitioners (APRN-CNPs).

**ANALYSIS:** SB 25 would change the certification to a license by the State Board of Nursing (Board), which is housed in the Department of State's (DOS) Bureau of Professional and Occupational Affairs. Changing the license would permit the licensee to practice independently in a particular clinical specialty or population focus.

Registered nurses who currently hold board certification as a certified registered nurse practitioner (CRNP) in a particular clinical specialty on the effective date of the bill would automatically be deemed to be licensed by the board as an APRN-CNP in that practice area. To receive an initial APRN-CNP license, candidates would need to meet the following requirements:

1. Hold a current license in Pennsylvania as a registered nurse (RN)
2. Graduated from an accredited, board-approved master's or post-master's nurse practitioner program
3. Hold a current certification as an APRN-CNP from a board-recognized national certification program in the specialty area or population focus for which the applicant seeks licensure by the board

The bill would disband the Drug Review Committee, which currently determines what drugs a CRNP is authorized to prescribe.

The act would take effect in 60 days.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** The bill would have a fiscal impact of \$956,475 for personnel and infrastructure costs in the first full year of implementation.

Currently, there are 13,710 CRNP certifications that would need to be converted into APRN-CNP licenses. Further, all 14,449 prescriptive authority agreements would need amended.

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DOS estimates it would need to hire five new positions to meet the provisions of the bill.

<b>Position</b>	<b>Number of Hires Needed</b>
Clerk Typist 3	2
Education Certification Evaluator	1
Professional Conduct Investigator 1	1
Professional Conduct Investigator 2	1
<b>TOTAL COSTS FOR NEW HIRES/BENEFITS</b>	<b>\$809,660</b>

The one-time infrastructure costs DOS would incur would be \$146,815.

<b>Cost</b>	<b>Amount</b>
New Hires	\$809,660
Infrastructure Costs – One Time	\$146,815
<b>TOTAL COSTS</b>	<b>\$956,475</b>

With 13,710 current CRNP certifications, an annual fee of \$70 would be needed in order to cover costs associated with the bill. DOS possesses the authority to establish a fee for such licensees.