



Economic Impact Analysis Virginia Department of Planning and Budget

12 VAC 5-545 – Guidelines for the Nurse Educator Scholarship
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Summary of the Proposed Amendments to Regulation

Pursuant to Code of Virginia Sections 23-35.9 and 32.1-122.6:01, the Board of Health (Board) awards scholarships to students enrolled in undergraduate and graduate nursing programs. Current regulations exist for 1) nursing scholarships that require service in a long-term-care facility, 2) General Assembly nursing scholarships, and 3) nurse practitioner/nurse midwife scholarships. Beginning in 2009, the General Assembly included funds in the Appropriation Act for scholarships and loan repayments for nursing students pursuing an advanced degree towards becoming nursing faculty at the college level. The Board proposes these regulations to manage the “Virginia Nurse Educator Scholarship Program.”

Result of Analysis

The benefits likely exceed the costs for all proposed changes.

Estimated Economic Impact

The proposed regulations establish sections relating to definitions, purpose, administration, eligible applicants, scholarship amounts, scholarship distribution, contract provisions, repayment of scholarships, repayment by practice, cash repayment, cash repayment amount, cash repayment schedule, and reporting requirements. All of the proposed language is consistent with current statutes and practice. Placing the requirements of the Nurse Educator Scholarship Program in regulation will be beneficial in that it will reduce uncertainty for potential scholarship candidates.

Businesses and Entities Affected

Approximately ten nurse educator candidates will receive scholarships per year. Graduate level nursing programs in Virginia are also potentially affected.

Localities Particularly Affected

The proposed amendments do not disproportionately affect particular localities.

Projected Impact on Employment

The Virginia Nurse Educator Scholarship Program may increase the number of nurse educators in Virginia nursing programs..

Effects on the Use and Value of Private Property

Placing the requirements of the Nurse Educator Scholarship Program in regulation may marginally increase the likelihood that some individuals will pursue a career as a nurse educator by reducing uncertainty.

Small Businesses: Costs and Other Effects

The proposed amendments are unlikely to significantly affect small businesses.

Small Businesses: Alternative Method that Minimizes Adverse Impact

The proposed amendments are unlikely to significantly affect small businesses.

Real Estate Development Costs

The proposed amendments are unlikely to significantly affect real estate development costs.

Legal Mandate

The Department of Planning and Budget (DPB) has analyzed the economic impact of this proposed regulation in accordance with Section 2.2-4007.04 of the Administrative Process Act and Executive Order Number 14 (10). Section 2.2-4007.04 requires that such economic impact analyses include, but need not be limited to, the projected number of businesses or other entities to whom the regulation would apply, the identity of any localities and types of businesses or other entities particularly affected, the projected number of persons and employment positions to be affected, the projected costs to affected businesses or entities to implement or comply with the

regulation, and the impact on the use and value of private property. Further, if the proposed regulation has adverse effect on small businesses, Section 2.2-4007.04 requires that such economic impact analyses include (i) an identification and estimate of the number of small businesses subject to the regulation; (ii) the projected reporting, recordkeeping, and other administrative costs required for small businesses to comply with the regulation, including the type of professional skills necessary for preparing required reports and other documents; (iii) a statement of the probable effect of the regulation on affected small businesses; and (iv) a description of any less intrusive or less costly alternative methods of achieving the purpose of the regulation. The analysis presented above represents DPB's best estimate of these economic impacts.