



# HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

## FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 2653

PRINTERS NO. 3210

PRIME SPONSOR: Saylor

AS AMENDED BY: A04986

### COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2021/22	FY 2022/23	INC/(DEC)
Professional Licensure Augmentation Account	\$55,325,000	\$63,953,000	\$8,628,000
State Board of Medicine Restricted Account	\$8,849,000	\$9,398,000	\$549,000
State Board of Osteopathic Medicine Restricted Account	\$2,490,000	\$2,651,000	\$161,000
State Board of Podiatry Restricted Account	\$393,000	\$410,000	\$17,000
State Athletic Commission Augmentation Account	\$868,000	\$868,000	\$0

**SUMMARY:** This legislation, as amended by A04986, appropriates a total of \$77,280,000 from restricted revenue accounts within the General Fund to the Department of State. This legislation would take effect July 1, 2022, or immediately, whichever is later.

**ANALYSIS:** This legislation makes an appropriation from the Professional Licensure Augmentation Account within the General Fund to the department for the operation of the Bureau of Professional and Occupational Affairs. In addition, the legislation makes appropriations from: 1) the restricted account of the State Board of Medicine for the operation of that board; 2) the restricted account of the State Board of Osteopathic Medicine for the operation of that board; 3) the restricted account of the State Board of Podiatry for the operation of that board and 4) the Athletic Commission Augmentation Account for the State Athletic Commission.

The legislation specifies that \$5 million of the appropriation from the Professional Licensure Augmentation Account to the department for the operation of the Bureau of Professional and Occupational Affairs shall be utilized for information technology and other associated costs related to the replacement of the PA Licensure System. The \$5 million may not be expended for any other purpose. Also, department shall issue a report on November 15, 2022, and on May 15, 2023, to the chairs of the Appropriations Committees of the Senate and of the House of Representatives and to the chairs of the Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure Committee of the Senate and the Professional Licensure Committee of the House of Representatives that contains all of the following:

- (1) An accounting of funds expended by the Bureau of Professional and Occupational Affairs related to the replacement of the PA Licensure System by category of expenditure.
- (2) A status update on the implementation and timeline of the replacement project, including a description of efforts to improve or upgrade Bureau of Professional and Occupational Affairs technology infrastructure, to interface with educational institutions in this Commonwealth, to facilitate and expedite education verification and improve the timely issuance of professional licenses.
- (3) Any other information deemed necessary or appropriate by the department.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** This legislation makes appropriations for FY 2022-23. The appropriation from the Professional Licensure Augmentation Account is \$63,953,000, an increase of \$8,628,000 from FY 2021-22. The appropriation from the restricted account of the State Board of Medicine is \$9,398,000, an increase of \$549,000 from FY 2021-22. The appropriation from the restricted account of the State Board of Osteopathic Medicine is \$2,651,000, an increase of \$161,000 from FY 2021-22. The appropriation from the restricted account of the State Board of Podiatry is \$410,000, an increase of \$17,000 from FY 2021-22. The appropriation from the State Athletic Commission Augmentation Account is \$868,000, the same as FY 2021-22.

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