

# SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE

**BILL NO.** Senate Bill 1242

**PRINTER NO.** 1701

**AMOUNT**

See Fiscal Impact

**FUND**

General Fund Restricted Accounts

**DATE INTRODUCED**

June 7, 2024

**PRIME SPONSOR**

Senator J. Ward

**DESCRIPTION**

Senate Bill 1242 amends Title 63 (Professions and Occupations (State Licensed)) to provide for a continuing education tracking system.

This legislation requires the Bureau of Professional and Occupational Affairs (BPOA) to implement an electronic continuing education tracking system for use by each licensing board requiring the proof of continuing education compliance for a license, registration, certificate or permit renewal. BPOA shall ensure that the tracking system connects licensed professionals, staff and education providers and has the capability to verify required continuing education compliance. Use of the tracking system shall be required once operational. BPOA may contract with a third party to establish the tracking system.

This act shall take effect in 60 days. No later than 60 days after the effective date, BPOA shall develop an implementation plan for the continuing education tracking system. No later than 18 months after the effective date, BPOA shall ensure the tracking system is operational.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

According to the Department of State, the latest request for proposal for the Pennsylvania Licensure System (PALS) included a tracking system as required by Senate Bill 1242. The fiscal impact of the bill will be dependent on the cost as included as part of the PALS upgrades. Any costs will be covered by fees to licensees, as is the case for PALS currently.