

FISCAL NOTE

May 18, 2022

NASBO Bill No:	SB 848	Printer's No:	1277	Sponsor:	Sen. Mensch (R)
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COST / (SAVINGS)

Fund (s)	2021-22	2022-23
General Fund - Professional Licensure Augmentation Account (PLAA)	See Below	See Below

SUMMARY: This bill amends the Act creating a department of health to establish the office of Chief Nursing Officer (CNO) of the Commonwealth and providing for the powers and duties of the CNO. The bill establishes that the CNO shall serve as one of the six registered nurses appointed by the governor to serve on the State Board of Nursing.

ANALYSIS: This bill creates the Office of Chief Nursing Officer within the administrative structure of the Department of Health (DOH). The position is appointed by the governor with the consent of the Senate. DOH will provide support staff as needed.

The CNO will be a registered nurse with at least 10 years of working experience as an RN and who has an advanced degree in nursing or public health. The CNO shall have multiple duties pertaining to nursing, health policy and public-health related issues.

FISCAL IMPACT: DOH estimates the provisions for this bill will cost approximately \$334,900. \$319,000 for staff salaries and \$15,900 for equipment.

Bill provides funds from the PLAA shall be provided to DOH for use in the performance of the duties of the office of the Chief Nursing Officer. The Department of State (DOS) notes costs of \$300,000-\$500,00 in costs from this fund.