

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
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**TO:** Honorable Charles Schwertner, Chair, Senate Committee on Health & Human Services

**FROM:** Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE: HB280** by Howard (Relating to a grant program for reducing workplace violence against nurses.), **As Engrossed**

Estimated Two-year Net Impact to General Revenue Related Funds for HB280, As Engrossed: an impact of \$0 through the biennium ending August 31, 2019.

The bill would make no appropriation but could provide the legal basis for an appropriation of funds to implement the provisions of the bill.

**General Revenue-Related Funds, Five-Year Impact:**

<b>Fiscal Year</b>	<b>Probable Net Positive/(Negative) Impact to General Revenue Related Funds</b>
2018	\$0
2019	\$0
2020	\$0
2021	\$0
2022	\$0

**All Funds, Five-Year Impact:**

<b>Fiscal Year</b>	<b>Probable Revenue Gain from <i>General Revenue Fund</i></b>	<b>Probable Revenue (Loss) from <i>General Revenue Fund</i></b>
	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>
2018	\$328,000	(\$328,000)
2019	\$339,000	(\$339,000)
2020	\$339,000	(\$339,000)
2021	\$339,000	(\$339,000)
2022	\$339,000	(\$339,000)

## **Fiscal Analysis**

The bill would amend Chapter 105 of the Health and Safety Code relating to the Texas Center for Nursing Workforce Studies (TCNWS) within the Health Professions Resources Center at the Department of State Health Services (DSHS). The bill would require TCNWS to establish a grant program to fund innovative approaches to reducing workplace violence against nurses. Grants would be funded through funds transferred to DSHS from the Texas Board of Nursing. TCNWS would be required to publish an annual report describing the grants awarded.

This analysis assumes that any increased cost to the Board of Nursing, which is statutorily required to generate sufficient revenue to cover its costs of operation, would be offset by an increase in fee generated revenue. Based on information provided by the Department of State Health Services and the Health and Human Services Commission, it is assumed any duties and responsibilities associated with implementing the provisions of the bill could be accomplished within existing resources.

## **Methodology**

The TCNWS is currently supported by a \$2 license surcharge assessed by the Board of Nursing on licensed vocational nurse (LVN) renewals and a \$3 surcharge assessed on registered nurse (RN) renewals. This analysis assumes the grant program would be funded by an increase in the surcharge to the maximum allowed by statute: from \$2 to \$3 for LVN renewals and from \$3 to \$5 for RN renewals. The Board of Nursing estimates 48,000 LVN and 140,000 RN renewals in fiscal year 2018 ( $\$1 \times 48,000$  LVNs +  $\$2 \times 140,000$  RNs) and 49,000 LVN and 145,000 RN renewals in fiscal year 2019 and each year thereafter ( $\$1 \times 49,000$  LVNs +  $\$2 \times 145,000$  RNs).

## **Local Government Impact**

No significant fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

**Source Agencies:** 507 Texas Board of Nursing, 529 Health and Human Services Commission, 537 State Health Services, Department of

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