

Department of Planning and Budget 2023 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. **Bill Number:** HB1384

House of Origin Introduced Substitute Engrossed
 Second House In Committee Substitute Enrolled

2. **Patron:** Fowler

3. **Committee:** General Laws

4. **Title:** Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation; licensure by apprenticeship

5. **Summary:** Requires the regulatory boards within the Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation (the Department) to grant a license, defined in the bill, to an applicant for licensure by apprenticeship, also defined in the bill, if the applicant has (i) completed an apprenticeship in an occupation that is regulated by the board operated within the Department, and the board grants licensure to individuals in such occupation or an occupation with a similar scope of practice; (ii) passed all requisite examinations; and (iii) paid all applicable fees, as determined by the board. The bill has a delayed effective date of January 1, 2024.

6. **Budget Amendment Necessary:** No.

7. **Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Preliminary

7a. Expenditure Impact:

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Positions</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2023	\$0	-	n/a
2024	\$25,350	-	NGF

7b. Revenue Impact:

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2025	\$3,000	NGF
2026	\$3,000	NGF
2027	\$5,600	NGF
2028	\$5,600	NGF
2029	\$7,800	NGF

8. **Fiscal Implications:** It is anticipated that this bill will result in a nongeneral fund expenditure and revenue impact to the Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation (DPOR). This bill increases DPOR's the administrative responsibilities by requiring the regulatory boards to add a licensure by apprenticeship program. To implement the apprenticeship licensure program, it is anticipated that the regulatory boards will need to conduct at least 10 additional board meetings to revise the boards' regulations. DPOR estimates that the total cost of the additional meetings is approximately \$25,350 which is

expected in FY 2024. It is anticipated that any additional costs incurred by DPOR to process additional applications will be absorbed by current resources.

The licensure by apprenticeship program is expected to generate an additional 30 applicants per year. The estimated average application fee of \$100 across the boards would result in \$3,000 in revenue each year, beginning in FY 2025. Additionally, approximately 85 percent of the applications will result in issued licenses that renew on average every two years. License renewals will generate approximately \$2,600 in revenue for FY 2027 and FY 2028, increasing to \$4,800 in FY 2029. Beginning in FY 2027 and FY 2028, annual total estimated revenue will increase to \$5,600 and \$7,800, respectively.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.