



Ohio Legislative Service Commission

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Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

Bill: [H.B. 457 of the 128th G.A.](#)

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Status: As Introduced

Sponsor: Reps. Goyal and Zehringer

Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No — No local cost

Contents: To increase the extension period for advanced practice nurses completing an externship in prescribing drugs

State Fiscal Highlights

- No direct fiscal effect on the state.

Local Fiscal Highlights

- No direct fiscal effect on political subdivisions.
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Detailed Fiscal Analysis

An advanced practice nurse who is a clinical nurse specialist, certified nurse-midwife, or certified nurse practitioner may prescribe drugs and therapeutic devices if the nurse has obtained a certificate to prescribe from the Board of Nursing. To obtain the certificate, a nurse must first complete an externship, which allows the nurse to gain experience prescribing drugs and therapeutic devices while supervised by a physician.

Before a nurse may begin participating in an externship, the nurse must obtain an externship certificate from the Board. Externship certificates are valid for one year (current Board rules require that externships consist of no less than 1,500 and no more than 1,800 hours of supervised prescribing practice). If a nurse submits a written request for an extension of an externship and shows the Board evidence of continued participation in an externship, then the Board may grant an extension for one additional year. The bill increases the length of this extension period to two years.

There would be no direct fiscal effect on the Board or other state or local government entity due to the bill. To process an extension, the Board reviews the request and the evidence of continued participation and then, upon approval of the extension, adjusts the expiration date of the externship in a database by another year. Under the bill, the same process would apply; the Board will simply be entering a different date.

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