

**LEGISLATIVE SERVICES AGENCY
OFFICE OF FISCAL AND MANAGEMENT ANALYSIS
FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

LS 6596
BILL NUMBER: HB 1129

NOTE PREPARED: Dec 16, 2025
BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Advanced Practice Registered Nurses.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Ledbetter
FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL
DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: The bill removes the requirement that an Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN) have a practice agreement with a collaborating physician. The bill removes a provision requiring an APRN to operate under a collaborative practice agreement or the privileges granted by a hospital governing board.

The bill removes certain provisions concerning the audit of practice agreements. The bill allows an APRN with prescriptive authority to prescribe a schedule II controlled substance for weight reduction or to control obesity. The bill makes conforming changes.

Effective Date: July 1, 2026.

Explanation of State Expenditures: Under the bill, the Professional Licensing Agency (PLA) would no longer be required to audit a percentage of practice agreements between physicians and APRNs, which would reduce agency workload. However, the bill may require changes to rules and information provided by the PLA for APRNs, including their prescriptive authority, which would increase the PLA's workload.

The bill will require the State Board of Nursing (Nursing Board) to develop an audit procedure for confirmation of APRN continuing education or a national certification. This provision may increase the PLA's workload if the agency were to assist in the audit process. These requirements are within the PLA's routine administrative functions and should be able to be implemented with no additional appropriations, assuming near customary agency staffing and resource levels.

The Medical Licensing Board and the Nursing Board may see a reduction in workload if fewer disciplinary hearings were to occur as a result of removal of APRN-physician practice agreements.

Additional Information— There were 11,517 Indiana licensed APRNs with an active prescriptive authority as of June 30, 2025.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

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State Agencies Affected: Professional Licensing Agency; Medical Licensing Board; State Board of Nursing.

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources: PLA license count data for FY 2025.

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