

**LEGISLATIVE SERVICES AGENCY
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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

LS 6838
BILL NUMBER: HB 1278

NOTE PREPARED: Dec 31, 2025
BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Nursing Education Programs.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Barrett
FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL
DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: The bill allows an institution that has been operating an eligible nursing program for at least five years to increase the enrollment in any eligible nursing program at any rate the institution considers appropriate.

Effective Date: July 1, 2026.

Explanation of State Expenditures: *State Educational Institutions (SEIs):* Under the current higher education performance funding formula, changes to enrollment could affect higher education appropriations for operations in future bienniums. The impact is probably minor and would depend on the higher education formula used in the future. [SEIs receive state funding through General Fund appropriations.]

Explanation of State Revenues: SEIs with practical nursing programs could experience an increase in nursing student enrollment, which could increase tuition fee revenue. The impact is expected to be minor.

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: State educational institutions.

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources:

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