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## Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

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**Version:** As Introduced

**Primary Sponsors:** Reps. Swearingen and Plummer

**Local Impact Statement Procedure Required:** No

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### Highlights

- The State Medical Board may experience a minimal increase in administrative costs to make any necessary rule changes and to address any associated questions or complaints.

### Detailed Analysis

#### Anesthesiologist assistants

The bill makes several changes to the law governing the practice of anesthesiologist assistants, including the following: (1) grants an anesthesiologist assistant the authority to select, order, and administer drugs, treatments, and intravenous fluids for conditions related to the administration of anesthesia, (2) permits an anesthesiologist assistant to direct nurses and respiratory therapists to perform specified tasks, including drug administration, and (3) authorizes an anesthesiologist assistant to perform additional activities or services, including ordering and evaluating diagnostic tests for conditions related to the administration of anesthesia. The bill also repeals the requirement that an anesthesiologist assistant practice only in a hospital or ambulatory surgical facility, under the direct supervision of an anesthesiologist, and with enhanced supervision during the first four years of practice. The State Medical Board may realize a minimal increase in administrative costs to make any necessary changes to rules or to respond to any related questions or complaints. In FY 2021, the State Medical Board regulated about 330 active anesthesiologist assistant licensees. It is possible that the bill could increase access to care since it authorizes an anesthesiologist assistant to engage in additional activities, some of which may be performed without the immediate presence of an anesthesiologist.