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**S.B. 61**  
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## **Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement**

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**Version:** As Introduced

**Primary Sponsor:** Sen. Burke

**Local Impact Statement Procedure Required:** No

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### **Highlights**

- The Board of Nursing may experience a minimal increase in administrative and investigative costs as a result of the bill.
- Government-owned hospitals may experience a minimal cost to establish protocols for certified registered nurse anesthetists (CRNAs).

### **Detailed Analysis**

The bill authorizes CRNAs to select, order, and administer drugs other than anesthesia under certain conditions in the immediate post-operative period. The bill also allows CRNAs to direct another person to administer those drugs under specified conditions. This could require the Board of Nursing to promulgate rules and make administrative and information technology changes, posing a minimal cost. Additionally, the Board may realize an increase in investigative costs if this authorization results in an increase in the number of complaints received; however, any increase is expected to be minimal. At the end of FY 2018, the Board of Nursing certified 3,087 CRNAs.<sup>1</sup>

Facilities will be required to establish protocols that: specify which drugs a CRNA can select, order, and administer; describe procedures for a CRNA to select, order, and administer drugs; and prohibit a CRNA from selecting and ordering a controlled substance. Government-owned hospitals may experience a cost to develop the protocol. Any cost is anticipated to be minimal. Additionally, it is possible government-owned hospitals may experience a minimal savings if CRNAs are able to complete additional tasks.

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<sup>1</sup> Ohio Board of Nursing. *Annual Report SFY 2018*. <http://www.nursing.ohio.gov/PDFS/AnnualReport/AnnualReportFY18.pdf>.