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Honorable Alan Powell
Chairman, House Regulated Industries
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SUBJECT: Fiscal Note
House Bill 430 (LC 33 8707S)

Dear Chairman Powell:

The bill would provide for the licensure of advanced practice registered nurses (APRN), which currently can only be recognized by the Georgia Board of Nursing. The bill makes engaging in the practice of nursing as an APRN without a valid, current license a misdemeanor. The bill also expands the scope of work that APRNs and licensed physician assistants may perform for patients of a home health agency. Finally, the bill provides the board with the authority to require applicants to provide workforce data when issuing or renewing licenses.

The bill would likely require no additional state funding. The Secretary of State currently provides APRN-related data to the Board of Health Care Workforce; however, one-time charges of up to \$5,000 could be incurred for programming changes to the licensing system if additional information is needed.

Sincerely,

Greg S. Griffin
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