

BILL SUMMARY
2nd Session of the 57th Legislature

Bill No.:	HB 1735
Version:	CS
Request Number:	11380
Author:	Mr. Speaker
Date:	2/28/2020
Impact:	No Measureable Impact

Research Analysis

The CS to HB 1735 modifies the practice of medicine for physician assistants. Rather than requiring physician supervision, the measure allows for physician assistants to practice with physician collaboration under a practice agreement. The measure defines *practice agreement* as the agreement between a physician and physician assistant determining the physician assistant's scope of practice, replacing the current application to practice. A physician assistant may have multiple practice agreements with multiple physicians. Physician assistants are not required to contact a physician when treating a patient with a complex illness. Physician assistants are considered primary care providers, and may bill for services. The measure also includes hospice facilities in the definition of patient care setting where a physician assistant may practice.

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Fiscal Analysis

The measure provides amendment to statutes regarding physician's assistants, including collaboration with physicians and others within a healthcare team, certain scope of practice provisions and provides certain immunities. No measureable fiscal costs or savings to the State Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision are anticipated.

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Other Considerations

None.