



**House  
Legislative  
Analysis  
Section**

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***THE APPARENT PROBLEM:***

Before 1986, the Physician's Assistant Task Force had been responsible for determining the equivalence of other training, education, and experiences of applicants for physician's assistant licenses. However, Public Act 174 of 1986 amended the Public Health Code to require that applicants for a physician's assistant license complete a physician assistance training program approved by the task force, and struck the option that applicants have the education, training, or experience prescribed by the health code or by rules of the task force. With these new training requirements, the task force's work burden has been substantially reduced, and the Department of Licensing and Regulation has requested legislation that would remove an existing requirement that the Physician's Assistant Task Force meet a minimum of six times a year.

***THE CONTENT OF THE BILL:***

The bill would amend the Public Health Code to strike the reference to the physicians' assistant task force from the requirement that licensure boards and the task force meet six times a year.

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**PHYSICIANS' ASSISTANT TASK FORCE**

House Bill 5246 as introduced  
First Analysis (3-6-90)

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Sponsor: Rep. Teola P. Hunter  
Committee: Public Health

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***FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:***

The Department of Licensing and Regulation says that the bill has no fiscal implications. (2-27-90)

***ARGUMENTS:***

***For:***

With the enactment of legislation requiring that applicants for physician's assistant licenses complete an approved physician assistance training program, the Physician's Assistant Task Force's work load has been substantially reduced. Applications for physician's assistant licenses can now be reviewed by clerical staff in the Department of Licensing and Regulation, and the task force no longer needs to meet six times a year.

***POSITIONS:***

The Department of Licensing and Regulation supports the bill. (3-1-90)

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