

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action:	Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed
Vote:	5 - 0 - 0
Yeas:	Carter, Courtney, Gordly, Kruse, Monnes Anderson
Nays:	0
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Meeting Dates:	2/12, 4/2, 4/9

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Requires occupational therapists and occupational therapist assistants comply with continuing education requirements. Revises certain provisions relating to scope of practice for occupational therapy.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA) definition of occupational therapy
- Concern for possible legal action against occupational therapists if definition is too narrow in statute

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Removes American Occupational Therapy Association proposed definition from measure in order to keep current definition of occupational therapy.

BACKGROUND: Occupational Therapy practitioners work with people experiencing health problems such as stroke, spinal cord injuries, cancer, congenital conditions, developmental problems, and mental illness. Occupational therapy helps people regain, develop, and build skills that are essential for independent functioning, health, and well-being.

According to Occupational Therapy Licensing Board administrative rule, continuing education (CE) means participation in courses, classes, workshops, and other means for the purpose of developing and updating professional skills to provide appropriate occupational therapy services. Licensees are required to complete 30 (CE) points to renew their licenses.