

SB 1028 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Rules

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Meeting Dates: 5/3, 5/10

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Authorizes professional licensing boards to consider and substitute relevant experience for high school diploma or equivalent education requirement. Becomes operative January 1, 2018. Effective 91st day after *sine die*.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Authority of licensing bodies
- Licensure and credential criteria for various occupations
- Current education requirements for various occupations

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

For various occupations, practitioners are required to obtain a license or similar credentials from a professional or regulatory entity. The required criteria for obtaining licensure, certification and other professional and occupational credentials are specific to each occupation, but may include practical training, completion of a certain level of education or passing a relevant exam.

Senate Bill 1028 permits professional licensing boards to consider and accept an applicant's relevant experience in the place of a high school diploma or equivalent in order to fulfill licensure, certification or other occupational and professional service authorization requirements.