

**SB 1028 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**Carrier:** Sen. Manning Jr

**Senate Committee On Rules**

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**Action Date:** 05/10/17  
**Action:** Do pass.  
**Vote:** 5-0-0-0  
**Yeas:** 5 - Beyer, Boquist, Burdick, Ferrioli, Roblan  
**Fiscal:** No fiscal impact  
**Revenue:** No revenue impact  
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**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 following adjournment *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.