

SB 1028 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Rep. Heard

House Committee On Business and Labor

Action Date: 05/24/17

Action: Do Pass.

Vote: 8-0-1-0

Yeas: 8 - Barreto, Bynum, Doherty, Evans, Fahey, Hack, Heard, Holvey

Exc: 1 - Kennemer

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.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Board's discretion to accept experience in lieu of high school diploma or equivalent
- Whether measure serves as disincentive for completing high school
- Needs of developmentally disabled population

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

For various occupations, practitioners are required to obtain a license or similar credentials from a state licensing board or agency. 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 specified level of education and 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.