

SB 1595 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Rules

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Meeting Dates: 2/27

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure extends the deadline for professional licensing boards to publish specific guidance for internationally educated individuals from July 1, 2026, to January 1, 2028. It also extends the deadline for professional licensing boards to comply with additional established statutory guidelines concerning internationally educated individuals from January 1, 2026, to January 1, 2028. The measure declares an emergency, effective on its passage.

Fiscal impact: Has minimal fiscal impact

Revenue impact: No revenue impact

Senate Vote: Ayes, 25; Nays, 3

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

In 2025, Senate Bill 476 amended requirements for regulating the licensure of international health care providers and required professional licensing boards across all professions to provide culturally responsive training for internationally educated individuals, starting January 1, 2026. It also required the publication, by July 1, 2026, of clear, easily understandable guidance regarding professional licensing pathways for internationally educated individuals. Senate Bill 1595 extends those deadlines to January 1, 2028.