

Employment, Labor, and Professional Regulation

H.B. 5

Primary Sponsor: Rep. Manning

Effective date: September 30, 2021; conforming amendments by Sections 3 and 4 effective October 9, 2021

- Revises the requirements to qualify for a chemical dependency counselor II license issued by the Ohio Chemical Dependency Professionals Board.
- Eliminates the authority of certain chemical dependency licensees to supervise prevention specialist assistants and registered applicants.

H.B. 176

Primary Sponsors: Reps. Carfagna and Hall

Effective date: January 27, 2022

- Grants athletic trainers the option of entering into a collaboration agreement with a physician or podiatrist and authorizes athletic trainers with an agreement to perform additional services and activities.
- Makes other changes regarding the practice of athletic training, including by allowing referrals from additional practitioners.

H.B. 252

Primary Sponsors: Reps. White and Plummer

Effective date: September 30, 2021

- Enters Ohio as a party to the Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Interstate Compact, the purpose of which is to facilitate the interstate practice of audiology and speech-language pathology and improve public access to audiology and speech-language pathology services.
- As a member of the Compact, requires Ohio to allow an audiologist or speech-language pathologist licensed in another member state to practice in Ohio, subject to Ohio laws and rules governing the practice.
- Requires the State Speech and Hearing Professionals Board to select two individuals to serve as delegates to the Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Compact Commission.

S.B. 3

Primary Sponsor: Sen. Roegner

Effective date: September 30, 2021; most Nurse Licensure Compact provisions effective January 1, 2023

- Enters Ohio as a party to the Nurse Licensure Compact on January 1, 2023, which allows a nurse to practice across participating states under a multistate license issued by the nurse's home state.
- Exempts certain certificates issued by the Department of Developmental Disabilities from the Fresh Start Act (H.B. 263 of the 133rd General Assembly), the law prohibiting a state licensing authority from refusing to issue an initial license or other authorization based on an applicant's criminal background.

S.B. 5

Primary Sponsors: Sens. Roegner and Blessing

Effective date: June 30, 2021

- Enters Ohio as a party to the Physical Therapy Licensure Compact, the purpose of which is to facilitate the interstate practice of physical therapy and improve public access to physical therapy services.
- As a member of the Compact, requires Ohio to extend the privilege to practice to a physical therapist or physical therapist assistant who is licensed in another member state, subject to Ohio's laws and rules governing the practice of physical therapy.
- Requires appointment of a member of the Ohio Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, and Athletic Trainers Board to the Physical Therapy Compact Commission, a joint public agency created by the Compact to enforce its provisions and rules.
- Requires Ohio to submit data regarding physical therapy licensees to the Commission's data system, including information related to identification, examination, licensure, investigations, compact privilege, and adverse action.

S.B. 6

Primary Sponsors: Sens. Roegner and S. Huffman

Effective date: September 30, 2021; appropriation effective July 1, 2021

Interstate Medical Licensure Compact

- Enters Ohio as a party to the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact, which enables a physician seeking to practice in multiple states to have certain qualifications verified, and a background check conducted, by the physician's state of principal license, and thereafter to apply for an expedited license to practice in other member states.
- Appropriates \$140,000 for FY 2022 to the State Medical Board for operating expenses.

Nurse aide training

- Allows a nurse aide to satisfy the requirement to complete a training and competency evaluation program by completing at least 75 hours of training in a long-term care setting during the federal COVID-19 public health emergency.
- Requires that a nurse aide using this new training pathway successfully complete a competency evaluation conducted by the Director of Health.

S.B. 7

Primary Sponsor: Sen. Roegner

Effective date: June 30, 2021

Occupational Therapy Licensure Compact

- Enters Ohio as a party to the Occupational Therapy Licensure Compact, the purpose of which is to facilitate the interstate practice of occupational therapy and improve public access to occupational therapy services.
- As a member of the Compact, requires Ohio to allow an occupational therapist or occupational therapy assistant licensed in another member state to practice in Ohio, subject to Ohio's laws and rules governing the practice of occupational therapy.
- Requires the Occupational Therapy Section of the Ohio Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, and Athletic Trainers Board to appoint a member to the Occupational Therapy Compact Commission, a joint public agency created by the Compact to enforce its provisions and rules.
- Requires Ohio to submit data regarding occupational therapy licensees to the Commission's data system, including information related to identification, examination, licensure, investigations, compact privilege, and adverse action.

Contracting for continuing education assistance

- Permits the Board's Occupational Therapy Section to contract with the Ohio Occupational Therapy Association for assistance in performing duties related to continuing education.

S.B. 217

Primary Sponsor: Sen. Schaffer

Effective date: Emergency: December 22, 2021

- Narrows circumstances under which criminal records check reports of various long-term care job applicants and contractors may be released to certain individuals involved in specified legal matters by stipulating that the release must be pursuant to a lawful subpoena or court order.
- Prohibits a private individual or entity that administers municipal income taxes from having access to an employee's, prospective employee's, or contractor's criminal history records.