



OHIO LEGISLATIVE SERVICE COMMISSION

Sub. Bill Comparative Synopsis

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This table summarizes how the latest substitute version of the bill differs from the immediately preceding version. It addresses only the topics on which the two versions differ substantively. It does not list topics on which the two bills are substantively the same.

Topic	Previous Version (As Introduced)	Sub. Version (L_132_1917-1)
Regulation of the practice of art therapy	Requires the State Medical Board to regulate the practice of art therapy and license art therapists (<i>R.C. 4785.03 and throughout the bill</i>).	Requires the Counselor, Social Worker, and Marriage and Family Therapist Board (CSW Board) to regulate the practice of art therapy and license art therapists (<i>R.C. 4785.03 and throughout the bill</i>).
Expertise and assistance to the administering board	<p>Creates the Art Therapist Policy Committee within the State Medical Board to provide the Board with expertise and assistance in carrying out the Board's duties relating to licensure to practice art therapy.</p> <p>Requires the Committee to review and submit to the State Medical Board recommendations on specified topics related to the licensure to practice art therapy.</p>	<p>Requires the Buckeye Art Therapist Association or its successor organization to provide the CSW Board with expertise and assistance in carrying out the Board's duties relating to licensure to practice art therapy.</p> <p>Requires the Association or its successor organization to submit the recommendations to the CSW Board.</p>

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	Requires the State Medical Board to take into consideration all recommendations submitted by the Committee before adopting any rule, and establishes a procedure the Board must follow when considering the recommendations. (R.C. 4785.04 and 4785.05; and Section 4.)	Same, but changes the entities involved to reflect that the CSW Board is required to consider the recommendations submitted by the Association or its successor organization. (R.C. 4785.05.)
Initial licenses	No provision. Requires a license to practice art therapy to be renewed on or before January 31 of each even-numbered year (R.C. 4785.07(A)).	Allows the CSW Board to prorate the application fee for an initial license (R.C. 4785.06(A)). Same, but also allows the CSW Board to establish a different expiration date for an initial license (R.C. 4785.07(A)).
Exception from licensure requirement for certain government employees	Exempts from the bill's requirements a person who on the bill's effective date engaged in the practice of art therapy as an employee of a government agency and continues to do so only during the person's continued employment by the agency, if the person does not represent the person's self as an art therapist (R.C. 4785.02(B)(3)).	No provision.
Intervention and treatment of impaired licensees	Extends current law provisions applicable to health care professionals regulated by the State Medical Board who suffer impairment from the use of drugs or alcohol to include persons licensed to practice art therapy under the bill (R.C. 4731.25).	Requires the CSW Board to adopt a rule that concerns the intervention for and treatment of any impaired licensee (R.C. 4785.03).
Investigations into alleged violations	Requires investigations of alleged violations of the bill to be conducted by the State Medical Board in the same manner that the Board conducts investigations for alleged violations under the law applicable to licensed physicians (R.C. 4785.10(E), by reference to R.C. 4731.22(F) and (G), not in the bill).	Requires investigations of alleged violations of the bill to be conducted by the CSW Board in the same manner that the Board conducts investigations for alleged violations under the law applicable to licenses issued by the CSW Board under current law (R.C. 4785.10(E), by reference to R.C. 4757.38, not in the bill).

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Deposit of receipts	Requires all receipts collected under the bill relating to the regulation of the practice of art therapy and licensure of art therapists to be deposited into the State Medical Board Operating Fund (<i>R.C. 4731.24 and 4785.11</i>).	Requires those receipts to be deposited into the Occupational Licensing and Regulatory Fund (<i>R.C. 4743.05 and 4785.11</i>).

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