



Ohio Legislative Service Commission

Bill Analysis

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131st General Assembly
(As Reported by H. State Government)

Rep. Schaffer

BILL SUMMARY

- Revises the continuing education requirements for architects and landscape architects.

CONTENT AND OPERATION

Continuing education requirements for architects and landscape architects

Under continuing law, the Architects Board may adopt rules pertaining to the satisfactory completion of continuing education requirements for architects.¹ The Ohio Landscape Architects Board may do the same for landscape architects.² If either Board adopts rules pertaining to continuing education requirements, current law requires that the Board specify in the rules that the continuing education requirements may be satisfied by coursework or activities dealing with technical, ethical, or managerial topics relevant to the practice of architecture or landscape architecture, as appropriate, and that a registrant may earn continuing professional education hours by completing or teaching university or college level coursework; attending seminars, workshops, or conferences; authoring relevant published papers, articles, or books; receiving patent awards; actively participating in professional or technical societies serving the profession, or actively participating in any other activity deemed relevant by the Board. The bill eliminates this requirement; thus, neither Board is required to specify these matters in its rules, if it adopts rules pertaining to continuing education requirements.

* This analysis was prepared before the report of the House State Government Committee appeared in the House Journal. Note that the list of co-sponsors and the legislative history may be incomplete.

¹ R.C. 4703.02.

² R.C. 4703.33.

Law not changed by the bill continues to require that the Board, in general, follow model continuing education recommendations if the Architects Board or the Ohio Landscape Architects Board adopts rules pertaining to continuing education requirements. For the Architects Board, the recommendations are those established by the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards or a similar successor organization.³ For the Ohio Landscape Architects Board, the recommendations are those established by the Council of Landscape Architectural Registration Boards or a similar successor organization.⁴

HISTORY

ACTION	DATE
Introduced	06-08-15
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³ R.C. 4703.02.

⁴ R.C. 4703.33.

