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## Substitute Bill Comparative Synopsis

### Sub. H.B. 509

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House State and Local Government

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The “As Introduced” version of H.B. 509 states the intent of the General Assembly to revise and streamline occupational regulation to better accommodate the state’s workforce. The latest substitute version of the bill, I\_134\_2222-2, supplants that placeholder language with numerous regulatory reforms affecting the occupational licensing boards reviewed this biennium by the House State and Local Government Committee. In some cases, the reforms apply more generally, to all occupational licensing boards.

The dot points below summarize the contents of the latest substitute version of the bill; all citations refer to I\_134\_2222-2.

### Attorney General

- Eliminates an existing registration requirement for persons acting as a fund-raising counsel and the associated fees and bonding requirement.<sup>1</sup>

### Counselor, Social Worker, and Marriage and Family Therapist Board

- Eliminates temporary licenses for independent social workers, professional clinical counselors, marriage and family therapists, and independent marriage and family therapists.<sup>2</sup>

### Department of Developmental Disabilities

- Eliminates adult service worker and adult service supervisor certificates.<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> R.C. 1716.05, 1716.08, and 1716.99.

<sup>2</sup> R.C. 4757.02, 4757.22, 4757.27, and 4757.301, repealed.

<sup>3</sup> R.C. 5126.22.

- Removes references to early intervention supervisor certificates, which were created through a rule that has been rescinded.<sup>4</sup>

## **State Board of Emergency Medical, Fire, and Transportation Services**

- Requires the State Board of Emergency Medical, Fire, and Transportation Services to adopt rules to allow local entities that employ firefighters to determine the minimum number of hours required for certification.<sup>5</sup>

## **Board of Nursing**

- Eliminates dialysis technician intern certificates, but continues to authorize an individual who has successfully completed an approved dialysis training program within the previous 18 months to practice as a dialysis technician intern, so long as the individual is under the supervision of a certified dialysis technician.<sup>6</sup>

## **State Board of Pharmacy**

- Sets pharmacist continuing education at thirty hours every two years, instead of having continuing education requirements set by the Pharmacy Board in rules.<sup>7</sup>

## **State Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, and Athletic Trainers Board**

- Eliminates temporary licenses to practice orthotics, prosthetics, orthotics and prosthetics, and pedorthics; but maintains requirements applicable to an unlicensed individual providing orthotic, prosthetic, or pedorthic services under the supervision of a licensee.<sup>8</sup>
- Eliminates a prohibition against using a title or initials representing that a person has a temporary license listed above when the individual does not have such a license.<sup>9</sup>

## **State Vision Professionals Board**

- Eliminates the registration requirement for apprentices and instead specifies that a person gaining experience under a licensed professional may do so without a license or other approval from the State Vision Professionals Board.<sup>10</sup>

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<sup>4</sup> R.C. 5126.25.

<sup>5</sup> R.C. 4765.55.

<sup>6</sup> R.C. 4723.01, 4723.08, 4723.091, 4723.092, 4723.71, 4723.72, 4723.73, 4723.75, 4723.76, repealed, 4723.79, and 4723.88.

<sup>7</sup> R.C. 4729.12.

<sup>8</sup> R.C. 4779.18, repealed, and R.C. 4779.04, not in the bill.

<sup>9</sup> R.C. 4779.03.

## General provisions

- Requires all occupational licensing boards, within six months after the bill’s effective date, to issue a report that addresses the fee structure for each occupational license issued by the board, whether it can more competitively align with the surrounding states, and whether it serves as a financial barrier to licensure.
- Requires the report to also address whether the board’s process for issuing occupational licenses could be improved by using the elicense system maintained by the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) and, if so, requires the board to begin using that system as soon as practicable.
- Requires submission of the report to the Senate President, Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the chairpersons of the House and Senate standing committees charged with conducting the state’s biennial review of occupational licensing boards required by S.B. 255 of the 132<sup>nd</sup> General Assembly.<sup>11</sup>
- Renews for six years the nineteen occupational licensing boards reviewed this biennium by the House State and Local Government committee.<sup>12</sup>

### Occupational Licensing Boards Reviewed by the House State and Local Government Committee<sup>13</sup>

Department of Aging	State Fire Marshal
Attorney General	Department of Insurance
Board of Building Standards	Board of Nursing
Chemical Dependency Professionals Board	Ohio Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, and Athletic Trainers Board
State Chiropractic Board	State Board of Pharmacy
Counselor, Social Worker, and Marriage and Family Therapist Board	State Board of Psychology
State Dental Board	State Speech and Hearing Professionals Board

<sup>10</sup> R.C. 4725.41, 4725.48, and 4725.52 (repealed), with conforming changes in R.C. 4725.07, 4725.40, 4725.44, 4725.54, 4725.59, 4725.66, and 4725.67.

<sup>11</sup> R.C. 4798.05.

<sup>12</sup> Section 4.

<sup>13</sup> See the House State and Local Government Committee [Occupational License Review Report \(PDF\)](#), which is available on the General Assembly’s website: [legislature.ohio.gov](http://legislature.ohio.gov).

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Department of Developmental Disabilities	Veterinary Medical Licensing Board
Board of Embalmers and Funeral Directors	State Vision Professionals Board
State Board of Emergency Medical, Fire, and Transportation Services	