

BILL ANALYSIS

C.S.H.B. 2698
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Licensing & Administrative Procedures
Committee Report (Substituted)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

It has been suggested that the requirement that barber and cosmetology students travel to a third-party location to take a required practical examination adds an extra expense for those students and an unnecessary delay in receiving their license. C.S.H.B. 2698 seeks to address this issue by authorizing more types of entities to administer the examination.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE IMPACT

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly create a criminal offense, increase the punishment for an existing criminal offense or category of offenses, or change the eligibility of a person for community supervision, parole, or mandatory supervision.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution.

ANALYSIS

C.S.H.B. 2698 amends the Occupations Code to authorize the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation (TDLR) to approve the examinations required under statutory provisions relating to regulation of barbering and cosmetology, including the administration of the examinations. The bill authorizes a barber school, private beauty culture school, or public secondary or postsecondary beauty culture school that is approved by TDLR to administer such an examination to administer a practical examination required under those provisions.

EFFECTIVE DATE

September 1, 2019.

COMPARISON OF ORIGINAL AND SUBSTITUTE

C.S.H.B. 2698 differs from the original in minor or nonsubstantive ways by conforming to certain bill drafting conventions.