

Senate Bill 773

Sponsored by Senators DEMBROW, FREDERICK, WINTERS, Representative SANCHEZ; Senator MANNING JR, Representatives ALONSO LEON, PILUSO, SOLLMAN, WILLIAMS

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Requires each professional licensing board to study criminal background criteria and character standards for licensure, certification or other authorization to provide occupational or professional service regulated by board. Requires reports to interim committee of Legislative Assembly related to workforce.

Sunset January 2, 2021.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to criminal background criteria used by professional licensing boards.

3 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

4 **SECTION 1. (1) As used in this section:**

5 (a) **“Occupational or professional service” means a service:**

6 (A) **That an individual must possess a license, certificate or other form of authorization**
7 **to provide under the laws of this state; and**

8 (B) **Over which a professional licensing board has regulatory oversight.**

9 (b) **“Professional licensing board” means a state agency or board that licenses, certifies**
10 **or otherwise authorizes individuals to provide an occupational or professional service.**

11 (2) **Each professional licensing board in this state shall study the criminal background**
12 **criteria and character standards the board uses in approving applicants for licensure, certi-**
13 **fication or other authorization and identify methods to reduce barriers to licensure, certi-**
14 **fication or other authorization to provide the occupational or professional service regulated**
15 **by the board for applicants who may not qualify for licensure, certification or other author-**
16 **ization because of their criminal background or character. Each professional licensing board**
17 **shall submit a report in the manner provided by ORS 192.245 to an interim committee of the**
18 **Legislative Assembly related to the workforce not later than December 31, 2020.**

19 **SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2019 Act is repealed on January 2, 2021.**

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NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.