

## **SB 13 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

### **Senate Committee On Labor and Business**

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#### **WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

The measure requires that a professional licensing board that regulates an occupational or professional service that requires up to a high school diploma or equivalent for licensure, certification, or other authorization to provide the occupational or professional service consider an applicant's relevant experience in lieu of the required education. Becomes operative on January 1, 2026. Takes effect on the 91st day following adjournment sine die.

Fiscal impact: May have fiscal impact, but no statement yet issued

Revenue impact: May have revenue impact, but no statement yet issued

#### **ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

#### **EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

#### **BACKGROUND:**

For various occupations, practitioners are required to obtain a license or similar credentials for a state licensing board or agency. The required criteria for obtaining licensure, certification, and other professional and occupational credentials are specific to each occupation, but may include practical training, completion of a specified level of education, and passing a relevant exam.

In 2017, the Legislative Assembly enacted Senate Bill 1028. SB 1028 permitted professional licensing boards to consider and accept an applicant's relevant experience in the place of a high school diploma or equivalent in order to fulfill licensure, certification, or other occupational and professional service authorization requirements.

Senate Bill 13 requires that a professional licensing board that regulates an occupational or professional service that requires up to a high school diploma or equivalent for licensure, certification, or other authorization to provide the occupational or professional service consider an applicant's relevant experience in lieu of the required education.