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DIGEST

White (SB 637)

Present law provides relative to the La. State Board of Cosmetology.

Present law requires all registered cosmetology schools to do the following:

- (1) Offer a course of practical training and technical instruction extending over a period of not less than nine consecutive months and including not less than 1,500 hours for the basic course of cosmetology. The course of study shall include lectures, discussion, instructions, and mechanical application.
- (2) Offer a course of practical training and technical instruction extending over a period of not less than three consecutive months and including not less than 750 hours for the basic course of esthetics. This course of study shall include lectures, discussion, instructions, and mechanical application and shall include not less than 300 hours of practical application and lecture and not less than 200 hours of library study or research. The remaining hours may be made up of any combination of the above.
- (3) Provide for a period of continuing study in esthetics, including a course of not less than six weeks duration and containing not less than 200 hours of study.
- (4) Offer a course of practical training and technical instruction extending over a period of not less than three consecutive months and including not less than 500 hours for the basic course of manicuring. This course of study shall include lectures, discussion, instructions, and mechanical application and shall include not less than 300 hours of practical application and lecture and not less than 200 hours of library study or research.
- (5) Provide for a period of continuing study in manicuring, including a course of not less than six weeks duration and containing not less than 200 hours of study.

Proposed law changes present law to authorize all registered cosmetology schools to offer one or more the following:

- (1) A course of practical training and technical instruction extending over a period of not less than nine consecutive months and including not less than 1,500 hours for the basic course of cosmetology leading to a cosmetology certificate. The course of study shall include lectures, discussion, instructions, and mechanical application.
- (2) A course of practical training and technical instruction extending over a period of not less

than three consecutive months and including not less than 750 hours for the basic course of esthetics leading to an esthetics certificate. This course of study shall include lectures, discussion, instructions, and mechanical application and shall include not less than 300 hours of practical application and lecture and not less than 200 hours of library study or research. The remaining hours may be made up of any combination of the above.

- (3) A period of continuing study in esthetics, including a course of not less than six weeks duration and containing not less than 200 hours of study.
- (4) A course of practical training and technical instruction extending over a period of not less than three consecutive months and including not less than 500 hours for the basic course of manicuring leading to a manicuring certificate. This course of study shall include lectures, discussion, instructions, and mechanical application and shall include not less than 300 hours of practical application and lecture and not less than 200 hours of library study or research.
- (5) A period of continuing study in manicuring, including a course of not less than six weeks duration and containing not less than 200 hours of study.
- (6) A "brush up" course, of not less than six weeks and not less than 200 hours of study.
- (7) A cosmetology theory course that is not more than 250 hours, if the school is not a postsecondary school.
- (8) A course of instruction leading to an instructor certificate, if the school is a postsecondary school.

Present law provides that a student who has studied at a school licensed or registered by another state, territory, foreign country, or province, or another registered school within the state of La. may transfer hours carried within the preceding three years, if approved by the enrolling school.

Proposed law retains present law.

Proposed law provides that each year any school registered by the board providing postsecondary courses shall submit to the board in manner prescribed by the board the following documentation showing:

- (1) Each student enrolled is a high school graduate or has the equivalent of a high school diploma.
- (2) The school is accredited by a national accrediting agency recognized by the board.
- (3) Any additional information as may be required by the board to meet requirements of the U.S. Dept. of Education for postsecondary school including but not limited to certain provisions of federal law.

Proposed law requires that the provisions of proposed law shall not apply to schools that do not provide federal financial assistance to its students and do not require a high school diploma or the passage of a high school equivalency exam for admission. Further provides that proposed law shall not apply to schools that are not accredited and do not provide federal financial assistance to its students.

Effective August 1, 2014.

(Amends R.S. 37:571(A) and 595(B), (C), and (D))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Senate Floor Amendments to engrossed bill

1. Makes technical changes.
2. Provides that proposed law will not apply to schools that do not provide federal financial assistance to its students and do not require a high school diploma or the passage of a high school equivalency exam for admission.
3. Provides that proposed law will not apply to schools that are not accredited and do not provide federal financial assistance to its students.