

Legislative Analysis



BARBER EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

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House Bill 4927 (H-1) as referred to second committee

Sponsor: Rep. Parker Fairbairn

1st Committee: Economic Competitiveness

2nd Committee: Rules

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SUMMARY:

House Bill 4927 would amend the Occupational Code to reduce the number of apprenticeship or barber college hours an individual must have to be licensed as a barber in Michigan.

Currently, among other requirements, an individual must complete at least 1,800 hours in a barber apprenticeship program or a course of study at a barber college to qualify for a license. The bill would reduce this required minimum to 1,500 hours.

The bill also would change barber college licensing requirements to require colleges to offer a 1,500-hour educational program, with 225 classroom hours and 1,275 hours of practical barber training. (Under the current 1,800-hour requirement, 225 classroom hours and 1,575 hours of practical training are required.)

The code allows a student at a barber college to substitute up to 1,000 hours of substantially similar instruction from a school of cosmetology for the required hours of instruction at the barber college. The bill would retain this provision. Note, though, that the reduction in total required hours of instruction under the bill would have the effect of increasing the percentage of those total hours that can be substituted under this provision from 56% to 67%.

Finally, the bill would amend provisions governing barbershop apprenticeship programs to require at least one licensee to be present providing supervision when an apprentice is in attendance if the owner of the barbershop conducting the program is not a licensee.

The bill would take effect 18 months after it is enacted.

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FISCAL IMPACT:

House Bill 4927 would have no fiscal impact on any units of state or local government.

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