Report From Agency

STATE OF WISCONSIN OCCUPATIONAL THERAPISTS AFFILIATED CREDENTIALING BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF RULEMAKING PROCEEDINGS BEFORE THE OCCUPATIONAL THERAPISTS AFFILIATED CREDENTIALING BOARD	: : : :	REPORT TO THE LEGISLATURE CR 22-028	

I. THE PROPOSED RULE:

The proposed rule, including the analysis and text, is attached.

II. REFERENCE TO APPLICABLE FORMS: N/A

III. FISCAL ESTIMATE AND EIA:

The Fiscal Estimate and EIA is attached.

IV. DETAILED STATEMENT EXPLAINING THE BASIS AND PURPOSE OF THE PROPOSED RULE, INCLUDING HOW THE PROPOSED RULE ADVANCES RELEVANT STATUTORY GOALS OR PURPOSES:

- Section OT 3.06 (3) is revised to specify that the continuing education points obtained through means other than professional development activities in Table 3.06 should be in courses, programs, or other educational activities related to the licensee's practice.
- Table OT 3.06 is revised to include webinars approved by the Wisconsin Occupational Therapists Association (WOTA) and/or the American Occupational Therapists Association (AOTA), initial certification in specified subjects, and specialty certifications from AOTA in the list of professional development activities for continuing education credit.

V. SUMMARY OF PUBLIC COMMENTS AND THE BOARD'S RESPONSES, EXPLANATION OF MODIFICATIONS TO PROPOSED RULES PROMPTED BY PUBLIC COMMENTS:

The Occupational Therapists Affiliated Credentialing Board held a public hearing on June 7, 2022. The following people either testified at the hearing, or submitted written comments:

• Peter Welch, Wisconsin Occupational Therapists Association

The Occupational Therapists Affiliated Credentialing Board summarizes the comments received either by hearing testimony or by written submission as follows:

• Mr. Welch submitted written comments on behalf of the WOTA. They support the proposed changes, except for the identification of the AOTA

as a continuing education provider. They noted that striking AOTA from the rule would not prohibit them from offering valid continuing education in Wisconsin.

The Occupational Therapists Affiliated Credentialing Board explains modifications to its rule-making proposal prompted by public comments as follows: No further changes were made.

VI. RESPONSE TO LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

All of the recommendations suggested in the Clearinghouse Report have been accepted in whole.

VII. REPORT FROM THE SBRRB AND FINAL REGULATORY FLEXIBILITY ANALYSIS: N/A