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AMENDMENT MEMO



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Assembly Substitute Amendment 1

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Current law requires that a “program sponsor” for continuing education for chiropractors is required to submit its program to the Chiropractic Examining Board for approval.

Current law defines “program sponsor” as:

...the Wisconsin Chiropractic Association, the International Chiropractors Association, a college of chiropractic approved by the examining board, and a college of medicine or osteopathy accredited by an accrediting body listed as nationally recognized by the secretary of the federal department of education. “Program sponsor” does not include an individual, organization, or institution of higher education approved under s. 46.03 (38) to provide instruction in the use of an automated external defibrillator. [s. 446.028, Stats.]

Senate Bill 115, as amended and passed by the Senate, provides that, in addition to a program sponsor for continuing education for chiropractors, a program sponsor for continuing education for chiropractic technicians and chiropractic radiological technicians must submit its program to the Chiropractic Examining Board for approval.

The bill also both adds “the Chiropractic Society of Wisconsin” to the definition of “program sponsor,” and deletes “a college of medicine or osteopathy accredited by an accrediting body listed as nationally recognized by the secretary of the federal department of education” from the definition of “program sponsor.”

The bill also provides that a college of chiropractic may not provide an on-site continuing education program unless the continuing education program is provided on property owned by the college or on property rented or leased by the college for providing the continuing education program for not more than 96 hours. This requirement does not apply to continuing education programs provided online.

ASSEMBLY SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT 1

Assembly Substitute Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 115 replaces the bill with all of the following provisions:

- Like the bill, the substitute amendment provides that, in addition to a program sponsor for continuing education for chiropractors, a program sponsor for continuing education for chiropractic technicians and chiropractic radiological technicians must submit its program to the Chiropractic Examining Board for approval.

- The substitute amendment generally retains the current law definition of “program sponsor,” except that the substitute amendment adds to the definition “a member-based state or national chiropractic organization that satisfies all of the following:
 - The organization is an entity that is described in section 501 (c) of the Internal Revenue Code and that is exempt from federal income tax under section 501 (a) of the Internal Revenue Code and has existed as an entity that is described in section 501 (c) of the Internal Revenue Code for at least five years.
 - The purpose of the organization is not solely providing continuing education programs.
 - The organization engages in measurable advocacy efforts to promote the chiropractic profession.”
- Program sponsors must notify the board of any information or change to information related to satisfying continuing education or program sponsor requirements.
- Program sponsors may not delegate the tasks of monitoring or recording attendance, providing evidence of attendance, verifying required course content, or providing information on instructors for a continuing education program.
- The Chiropractic Examining Board must approve, for purposes of providing the education needed to obtain a chiropractor nutritional counseling certificate, a postgraduate nutrition program provided by an organization that is eligible to provide continuing education for chiropractors, if the postgraduate nutrition program satisfies all of the requirements established by the board.

BILL HISTORY

Assembly Substitute Amendment 1 was offered by Representative Moses on January 14, 2022. On January 20, 2022, the Assembly adopted Assembly Substitute Amendment 1, and the bill, as amended, by voice votes.

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