



HOUSE REPUBLICAN STAFF ANALYSIS

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Continuing Education Requirements

- Continuing education requirements for those licensed by the BOEE and DIAL shall relate directly to the practice of the licensed profession.
- The Supreme Court shall not include any continuing education requirements for attorneys that are not directly related to the practice of law and shall not require graduation from an ABA accredited law school to sit for the Iowa Bar Exam.

Section by Section Analysis

Section 1. Section 256.146(1)(a)(2)

The BOEE continuing education requirements shall relate directly to the practice of the licensed profession, except as otherwise required by law.

Section 2. Section 272C.2(2)

Licensing boards under DIAL shall not include any continuing education requirements that are not directly related to the practice of the licensed profession, except as otherwise required by law.

Section 3. Attorney Licensing—Court Rules

The Supreme Court shall adopt or amend Iowa court rules for continuing education requirements for licensed attorneys, such that the rules shall not include any requirements that are not directly related to the practice of law, except as otherwise required by law.

The Supreme Court shall adopt or amend Iowa court rules such that a person is not required to graduate from a law school accredited by the American Bar Association Council for legal education prior to sitting for the Bar Exam in Iowa. (Still must graduate from a law school, but it doesn't need to be an ABA accredited law school.)

Amendment Analysis

Amendment H-8025 by Holt—clarifies that an individual still has to attend a law school prior to sitting for the Iowa bar, but it does not need to be accredited by the American Bar Association.