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Senate Bill 1121 (Substitute S-3 as reported by the Committee of the Whole)
Sponsor: Senator Bill Bullard, Jr.
Committee: Health Policy

CONTENT

The bill would amend Article 15 of the Public Health Code, which regulates health care professions, to prohibit an individual from announcing or holding himself or herself out to the public as being able to perform a chiropractic adjustment, chiropractic manipulation, or other chiropractic services or chiropractic opinion, unless the individual was a chiropractor licensed under Article 15.

Article 15 defines "practice of chiropractic", in part, as "that discipline within the healing arts which deals with the nervous system...". The bill would refer to the "human" nervous system.

Further, the Code currently prohibits a person from engaging in the practice of chiropractic unless he or she is licensed or otherwise authorized by Article 15. The bill provides that an individual could not engage in the practice of chiropractic, including performing a chiropractic adjustment, manipulation, or other chiropractic services or chiropractic opinion, unless licensed or otherwise authorized by a chiropractor under Article 15. The bill further specifies that this provision would not affect the scope of practice of medicine or osteopathic medicine and surgery.

The bill states that its provisions would be "intended to codify existing law and to clarify and cure any misinterpretation of the operation of sections 16216, 16401, and 16411" since those sections were enacted. (Section 16216 was enacted in 1993 to provide for appointment of health profession disciplinary subcommittees. Sections 16401 and 16411 were enacted in 1978. Section 16401 defines "chiropractor" and "practice of chiropractic". Section 16411 prohibits a person from engaging in the practice of chiropractic unless he or she is licensed or otherwise authorized by Article 15.)

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FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have no fiscal impact on State or local government.

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