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House Bill 5001 (Substitute S-2 as reported)  
Sponsor: Representative Dan Lauwers  
House Committee: Regulatory Reform  
Senate Committee: Health Policy

### **CONTENT**

The bill would amend the Public Health Code to do the following with respect to the licensure of massage therapists:

- For an applicant who enrolled in a massage education program on or after August 1, 2017, increase from 500 to 625 the minimum number of hours of classroom instruction, or hours of education in an out-of-State program.
- Provide that the classroom instruction could occur either at a physical location where the students and instructor were present or by distance education, but require physical classroom instruction for certain program components.
- Require all classroom instruction to be facilitated by a qualified instructor trained in the subject matter and, if applicable, distance education methods.
- Delete the requirement for a high school diploma or its equivalent.

The program components that would require classroom instruction are hands-on techniques, clinical or lab experiences, and psychomotor domain learning, including palpation, or others as determined by the Michigan Board of Massage Therapy.

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### **FISCAL IMPACT**

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

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