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Senate Bill 651 (as reported without amendment)
Sponsor: Senator Rick Jones
Committee: Regulatory Reform

CONTENT

The bill would amend Article 18 (Mortuary Science) of the Occupational Code to do the following:

-- Prescribe new requirements that an individual wishing to be licensed to practice mortuary science would have to meet in order to receive a license.
-- Require a licensee to successfully complete at least four hours of eligible continuing education courses in each year of a license cycle, beginning the license cycle after October 31, 2023.
-- Require at least two of the four hours to involve one or more specified subjects.
-- Permit the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA) to adopt rules establishing requirements for the operation and the operator of a funeral establishment.

The bill also would amend Article 2 (Administration) of the Code to allow LARA to enter into an agreement with a statewide funeral service trade organization to provide an electronic continuing education tracking system that would provide an electronic record of the continuing education courses, classes, or programs completed by individuals licensed under Article 18.

MCL 339.210 et al.   Legislative Analyst: Stephen Jackson

FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have a minor, negative fiscal impact on the Department. The bill would require the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs to add a continuing education (CE) requirement to the renewal process for mortuary science licensure. As of April 1, 2016, there were 2,060 licensees in Michigan. The Department would have to develop a CE tracking system for license renewal applicants and determine which CE courses qualified for credit. This could potentially require additional staff. In the alternative, LARA could contract with a statewide funeral service trade organization to perform those duties.

The bill would have no fiscal impact on local government.

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