

Legislative Analysis



BARBER COLLEGES AND SCHOOLS OF COSMETOLOGY

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House Bill 4335 as introduced
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SUMMARY:

House Bill 4335 would enable a person who had studied cosmetology to substitute up to 1,000 hours of instruction toward the education and training requirements to be licensed as a barber and enable a person who had studied at a barber college to substitute up to 1,000 hours of instruction toward satisfying the education and training requirements to be licensed as a cosmetologist. The bill would also revise certain requirements for licensure that apply to barber colleges and schools of cosmetology.

Specifically, the bill would amend sections 1110 and 1205 of the Occupational Code, which respectively provide for licensure as a barber or a cosmetologist. Among other requirements, a person seeking licensure as a barber must complete 225 hours of classroom study, demonstrations, and recitations and 1,575 hours of practical barber training. A person must, among other things, complete 1,500 hours of theory and practice for full licensure as a cosmetologist. [A person may also obtain a license only for manicuring, electrology, or esthetics (facial and skin care).]

Under the bill, a barber college or a school of cosmetology, respectively, would be permitted to allow a student to substitute up to 1,000 hours of instruction successfully completed at a licensed school of cosmetology or barber college, as appropriate, if those hours were substantially similar in content and the student was licensed as a cosmetologist or barber. The Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA) would have to establish criteria through departmental rules for determining whether an hour of instruction at one licensed entity (barber college or school of cosmetology) is substantially similar to an hour of instruction at the other.

Currently, as a condition of licensure, the premises of a barber college or a school of cosmetology must be fully partitioned from any other business or dwelling. The bill would create an exception to allow a barber college and a school of cosmetology to occupy the same building and to share facilities.

Current law also requires that a barber college must have at least two full-time, licensed instructors. The bill would amend this to require only one.

The bill would take effect 90 days after being enacted.

MCL 339.1110 and 339.1205

FISCAL IMPACT:

House Bill 4335 would not have a significant fiscal impact on LARA or on other units of state or local government. Under the bill, LARA would be required to promulgate rules establishing criteria for determining whether hours of instruction at barber colleges and schools of cosmetology are similar. This promulgation would not result in any significant costs for the department.

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