

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST AND PURPOSE

Currently, the Texas Board of Occupational Therapy Examiners (board) is required to develop a process to evaluate and approve continuing education courses. C.S.S.B. 692 authorizes the board to authorize license holder peer organizations in Texas to evaluate and approve continuing education courses in accordance with the board's process.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

Rulemaking authority is expressly granted to the Texas Board of Occupational Therapy Examiners in SECTION 1 (Section 454.254, Occupations Code) of this bill.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 454.254, Occupations Code, by adding Subsection (d) to authorize the Texas Board of Occupational Therapy Examiners (board), in adopting rules under Subsection (a)(3), to authorize license holder peer organizations in this state to evaluate and approve continuing education courses in accordance with the board's evaluation and approval process. Prohibits the board from adopting rules implementing this subsection after January 1, 2003.

SECTION 2. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2001.

SUMMARY OF COMMITTEE CHANGES

Differs from the original by authorizing, rather than requiring, the board to authorize the license holder peer organizations to evaluate and approve the courses. Prohibits the board from adopting the rules after January 1, 2003, rather than January 1, 2002. Inserts the prohibition at the end of SECTION 1, rather than placing it in a separate SECTION 2. Redesignates previously proposed SECTION 3 (the effective date) as SECTION 2.