



# HOUSE BILL 742: PE Licensure/Allow School Maint. Plumbers.

**This Bill Analysis  
reflects the  
contents of the bill  
as it was presented  
in committee.**

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<b>Committee:</b>	Senate Finance	<b>Date:</b>	June 29, 2016
<b>Introduced by:</b>		<b>Prepared by:</b>	Chris Saunders Staff Attorney
<b>Analysis of:</b>	PCS to First Edition H742-CSTQ-59 [v.1]		

**SUMMARY:** *The Proposed Committee Substitute (PCS) for House Bill 742 would clarify the requirements for licensure as a professional engineer and allow North Carolina public schools to employ licensed school maintenance plumbers.*

### CURRENT LAW AND BILL ANALYSIS:

**Section 1** would rewrite the provision related to licensure as a professional engineer to clarify the requirements. This section would also eliminate the requirement that the applicant must meet the education, experience and examination requirements in a particular order.

Further, this section would clarify the process for obtaining an engineer intern certificate and provides that an applicant for a professional engineer's license must meet stated requirements for education, examination, and experience. This section would retain the existing authority for licensure by comity, long-established practice, faculty members, and doctors of engineering.

Nothing in this section affects the law related to licensure of land surveyors.

**Section 2** would direct the State Board of Examiners of Plumbing, Heating, and Fire Sprinkler Contractors to establish and issue State and local government plumbing, heating group number one, heating group number two, or heating group number three technician licenses. These would be issued to (i) persons who do not possess the required contractor license but desire to engage in the installation, repair, or replacement of plumbing, heating group number one, heating group number two, or heating group number three solely as an employee of a State or local government agency, and (ii) persons who do possess the required contractor license but who also desire to engage in the installation, repair or replacement of plumbing, heating group number one, heating group number two, or heating group number three as an employee of a State or local government agency without listing their contractor license in the name of the State or local government agency.

This section would also allow a school board to hire plumbing and heating contractors full-time to do repairs at schools, and would allow plumbing and heating contractors employed full-time by a local school board to contract or perform work during the hours the licensee is off duty from the regular employer.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** This act would become effective October 1, 2016.

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