



HOUSE BILL 948: Authorize APO Studies.

2016-2017 General Assembly

Committee:	House Finance	Date:	June 28, 2016
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SUMMARY: *House Bill 948 would allow the Joint Legislative Administrative Procedure Oversight Committee (APO) to continue studying issues related to occupational licensing boards and to amend the law regarding the license application process for pharmacists.*

[As introduced, this bill was identical to S743, as introduced by Sen. Hartsell, which is currently in Senate Finance.]

BILL ANALYSIS:

Section 1 of the bill would allow the APO to study the oversight of occupational licensing boards, the oversight of the North Carolina Bar, and the disciplinary actions and procedures of occupational licensing boards. The APO would be authorized to report any findings and recommendations to the 2017 General Assembly.

Section 2 of the bill would allow the APO to study whether the burden of proof should be placed with the agency in certain contested cases, and report any findings and recommendations to the 2017 General Assembly.

Section 3 of the bill would provide that applicants seeking licensure as a pharmacist must obtain a criminal record report from a designated reporting service and pay for the cost of the report. Similar authority exists for the licensing of real estate brokers and individuals licensed by the private protective services and alarm systems licensing boards. The Board of Pharmacy estimates the cost of a report will be approximately \$25-40. Current law allows the Department of Public Safety (DPS) to provide criminal record reports to the Board of Pharmacists. Those reports are based on fingerprints taken by DPS, and forwarded to the State and Federal Bureaus of Investigation.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This act is effective when it becomes law.

BACKGROUND: The bill in its original form resulted from the recommendations of the APO.

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