



HOUSE BILL 949: Occupational Licensing Board Contact Info.

2016-2017 General Assembly

Committee:	House Judiciary II	Date:	June 6, 2016
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Analysis of:	PCS to First Edition H949-CSRO-34		Committee Co-Counsel

SUMMARY: *The Proposed Committee Substitute (PCS) for House Bill 949 would require each occupational licensing board to provide the Joint Legislative Administrative Procedure Oversight Committee with the name and contact information of the individual responsible for filing required reports and would make corrections in the General Statutes to accurately reflect the present name of the Legislative Analysis Division of the North Carolina General Assembly. The act is effective when it becomes law. The PCS adds Sections 2 through 9.*

[As introduced, this bill was identical to S744, as introduced by Sen. Hartsell, which is currently in Senate Finance.]

CURRENT LAW: No later than October 31 of each year, each occupational licensing board must file an annual report and a financial report to various entities, including the Joint Legislative Administrative Procedure Oversight Committee. These reports are open to public inspection. The Joint Legislative Administrative Procedure Oversight Committee must notify any board that fails to file these reports.

Failure of a board to comply with the reporting requirements by October 31 results in a suspension of the board's authority to expend any funds until the board files the required reports. Suspension of a board's authority to expend funds does not affect the board's duty to issue and renew licenses, and it does not affect the validity of any application or license for which fees have been tendered.

BILL ANALYSIS:

Section 1 requires each occupational licensing board to provide the Joint Legislative Administrative Procedure Oversight Committee with the name and contact information of the individual responsible for filing required reports. Each board must keep the information current and notify the Committee within 30 days of any changes in this information. This section is a recommendation of the Joint Legislative Administrative Procedure Oversight Committee.

Sections 2-9 make technical corrections throughout the General Statutes to accurately reflect the present name of the Legislative Analysis Division of the North Carolina General Assembly.

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

BACKGROUND: On January 21, 2016, the Legislative Services Officer, Paul Coble, announced that he was changing the name of the Research Division of the General Assembly to the Legislative Analysis Division. He noted that the primary function of the division is to serve as committee counsel and staff and to provide legal and policy analysis of proposed or existing legislation. The change was intended to more accurately reflect the division's role and to distinguish it from other divisions and departments within the General Assembly.

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