



SENATE BILL 55: Continuing Education for General Contractors.

2019-2020 General Assembly

Committee:	Senate Agriculture/Environment/Natural Resources. If favorable, re-refer to Rules and Operations of the Senate	Date:	March 27, 2019
Introduced by:	Sens. Gunn, Newton, D. Davis	Prepared by:	Jeff Hudson
Analysis of:	PCS to First Edition S55-CSSBf-1		Committee Counsel

OVERVIEW: *The Proposed Committee Substitute (PCS) for Senate Bill 55 would establish a continuing education requirement for general contractors.*

[As introduced, this bill was identical to H162, as introduced by Reps. Potts, Brody, Howard, Clemmons, which is currently in House Regulatory Reform.]

CURRENT LAW:

Under current law, there is no continuing education requirement for general contractors.

BILL ANALYSIS:

The PCS for S55 would establish a continuing education requirement for general contractors as follows:

- Provide that as a condition of license renewal, at least one qualifier or qualifying party of a licensee holding a building contractor, residential contractor, or unclassified license classification must complete eight hours of continuing education annually. This requirement would become effective January 1, 2020.
- Continuing education courses and course providers must be approved the State Licensing Board for General Contractors (Board).
- Continuing education courses may be provided live, by video, or by internet transmission.
- The Board will implement procedures to ensure that all continuing education requirements may be satisfied through courses provided by internet transmission. This requirement would become effective January 1, 2021.
- The Board will establish fees for administering the continuing education program.
- The Board will adopt rules to implement the act.

EFFECTIVE DATE:

Except as otherwise provided, this act would become effective when it becomes law.

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