

Executive

As Passed by the House

As Passed by the Senate

As Enacted

**VPBCD1 Consolidation of boards regulating to hearing and vision professionals**

R.C. *4744.02, conforming changes in Chapters 4725., 4747., 4753., and other R.C. sections, and Section 515.33*

R.C. *4725.03, 4725.031, 4744.02, conforming changes in Chapters 4725., 4747., 4753. and other R.C. sections, and Sections 515.30 and 515.33*

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Creates the State Vision and Hearing Professionals (VHP) Board by consolidating the State Board of Optometry (OPT), the Ohio Optical Dispensers Board (ODB), the Board of Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology (SPE), and the Hearing Aid Dealers and Fitters Licensing Board (HAD).

Replaces the Executive provision with a provision that creates two boards: (1) the State Vision Professionals Board (VPB) by consolidating OPT and ODB; and (2) the State Speech and Hearing Professionals Board (SHP) by consolidating SPE and HAD.

Same as the House.

Same as the House.

Abolishes the existing boards on January 21, 2018. Specifies that any existing licenses, certificates, permits, registrations, or endorsements issued before January 21, 2018 by any of these abolished boards will continue in effect as if issued by VHP.

Same as the Executive, but applies to VPB and SHP instead of VHP.

Same as the House.

Same as the House.

Specifies that VHP will have nine board members appointed by the Governor. Specifies the terms of office and that members will receive a per diem for performing official duties as well as actual and necessary expenses. Requires VHP to hire an executive director. Allows VHP to appoint advisory committees and boards.

Same as the Executive, but specifies that VPB will have seven members and SHP will have nine members, requires both to hire executive directors, and allows both to appoint advisory committees or groups.

Same as the House, but requires VPB, if VPB appoints a committee or group to address issues concerning optical dispensing or the practice of licensed dispensing opticians and licensed ocularists, to include as a member of that committee or group a licensed ophthalmologist who is recommended by a professional association representing the interests of ophthalmology.

Same as the Senate.

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Establishes regulatory procedures for VHP that are similar to current law's provisions that apply to the boards abolished.	Same as the Executive, but applies to VPB and SHP instead of VHP.	Same as the House.	Same as the House.
Requires VHP to establish a code of ethical practice for each occupation that it will regulate and authorizes VHP to take disciplinary action against an applicant or license holder for violating a code of ethics.	Same as the Executive, but applies to VPB and SHP instead of VHP.	Same as the House.	Same as the House.
Provides that employees of the applicable abolished boards are transferred to VHP and are to retain their positions and benefits. Allows the VHP Executive Director, beginning January 21, 2018 through June 30, 2019, to establish, change, and abolish positions on the board and assign, reassign, classify, reclassify, transfer, reduce, promote, or demote all VHP employees.	Same as the Executive, but applies to VPB and SHP instead of VHP.	Same as the House.	Same as the House.
Allows the boards abolished, at the board's discretion and with the approval of the Office of Budget and Management, to establish a retirement incentive plan for its employees who are members of the Public Employees Retirement System. Specifies that the plan remains in effect until January 20, 2018.	Same as the Executive.	Same as the Executive.	Same as the Executive.
Requires license applicants for all occupations regulated by VHP to undergo criminal records checks to receive a license (continuing law generally requires a criminal records check for most professions as a condition of licensure).	Same as the Executive, but applies to SHP instead of VHP.	Same as the House.	Same as the House.

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Generally provides for electronic occupational license applications and renewals by eliminating current law requirements that certificates of licensure and certificate reinstatements to practice optometry be written.	Same as the Executive.	Same as the Executive.	Same as the Executive.
Authorizes VHP, with Controlling Board approval, to increase fees for the optical dispensing licensing examination in excess of the fee currently established by rule, so long as the increase does not exceed 50% of the current fee.	Same as the Executive, but authorizes VPB instead of VHP.	Same as the House.	Same as the House.
Specifies that hearing aid dealers and fitters licensing fees are to be deposited into the Occupational Licensing and Regulatory Fund (Fund 4K90) rather than the General Operations Fund (Fund 4700).	Same as the Executive.	Same as the Executive.	Same as the Executive.
<b>Fiscal effect: The bill appropriates \$627,824 in FY 2018 and \$1.1 million in FY 2019 for the new VHP Board.</b>	<b>Fiscal effect: The bill appropriates \$400,809 in FY 2018 and \$650,607 in FY 2019 for VPB and \$279,708 in FY 2018 and \$615,704 in FY 2019 for SHP.</b>	<b>Fiscal effect: Same as the House.</b>	<b>Fiscal effect: Same as the House.</b>

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**DASCD35 Staggered renewal process for electronic licensing**

No provision.

**R.C. 4745.05, 4745.01**  
 Requires occupational licensing agencies that use the electronic licensing system operated by DAS to adopt rules incorporating into the agency's licensing process (1) a minimum license duration of 2 years, and (2) a staggered renewal schedule so that an approximately equal number licenses are subject to renewal during each year of the duration of a particular license.

No provision.

No provision.

No provision.

Allows a licensing agency, after a reasonable period of time, to opt out of the above requirements if conformance did not establish a more uniform funding stream for the agency and has had an adverse effect on both the agency staff and the community regulated by the agency.

No provision.

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**Fiscal effect: Although requiring staggered renewal periods would alter the timing of license revenue receipts, overall revenue for occupational licensing and regulatory boards should not be affected. There may, however, be some administrative costs for converting to a two-year renewal process.**

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**OBMCD40 Accounting and encumbrance changes related to consolidation of health boards**

**Section: 515.35**

Requires the Director of Budget and Management to make any accounting changes made necessary by the board consolidations and transfers provided in Sections 515.30 to 515.34 of the bill.

Permits the Director of Budget and Management to cancel an existing encumbrance of an abolished agency and to reestablish the encumbrance under the appropriate newly created or continuing board, and reappropriates the amounts encumbered.

**Section: 515.35**

Same as the Executive.

Same as the Executive, but rather than specifying that encumbrances may be reestablished to a licensing board established in Chapter 4744. of the Revised Code, specifies that they may be reestablished to the State Vision Professionals Board and the State Speech and Hearing Professionals Board.

**Section: 515.35**

Same as the Executive.

Same as the House, but adds the Ohio Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, and Athletic Trainers Board to the list of boards to which encumbrances may be reestablished.

**Section: 515.35**

Same as the Executive.

Same as the Senate.