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## **OHIO OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY, PHYSICAL THERAPY, AND ATHLETIC TRAINERS BOARD**

### **Physical therapy educational alternative**

- Permits physical therapist and physical therapist assistant licenses to be issued to applicants who completed their education in a country that does not issue a license or registration to physical therapy practitioners.
- Requires the Physical Therapy Section of the Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, and Athletic Trainers (OTPTAT) Board to adopt rules pertaining to this new pathway to qualify for Ohio licensure.

### **Orthotics, Prosthetics, and Pedorthics Advisory Council**

- Reduces the minimum number of annual meetings of the Council from four to three.
- Extends from 60 days to 90 days the maximum time an outgoing member must serve after the member's term expires pending a successor's appointment.

### **Physical therapy educational alternative**

(R.C. 4755.411, 4755.45, and 4755.451)

Current law permits the Physical Therapy Section of the OTPTAT Board to issue physical therapist and physical therapist assistant licenses to applicants based on holding a current and valid license or registration in another state or country. The bill additionally allows an Ohio license to be issued to an applicant who completed a program for physical therapists or assistants in a country that does not issue a physical therapist or assistant license or registration. The Physical Therapy Section must adopt rules pertaining to this new pathway to qualify for Ohio licensure.

As provided currently for Ohio's endorsement of a license or registration received in another jurisdiction, an applicant seeking an Ohio license through the bill's new pathway must have education that is reasonably equivalent to the educational requirements in Ohio at the time the education was completed. Further, as with licensure by endorsement, the applicant must still have passed the national examination at some point, passed the jurisprudence examination, and paid application fees.

### **Orthotics, Prosthetics, and Pedorthics Advisory Council**

(R.C. 4779.35)

The Orthotics, Prosthetics, and Pedorthics Advisory Council, which advises the OTPTAT Board, currently must meet a minimum of four times per year. The bill reduces this to a minimum of three meetings per year. It also extends the maximum time an outgoing member must serve after that member's term expires pending a successor's appointment from 60 days to 90 days.