

INTRODUCTION

The Legislative Service Commission (LSC) is required by law to publish a biennial report comparing 33% of the state's current occupational regulations with the general state policy outlined by S.B. 255 of the 132nd General Assembly. (*R.C. 103.27.*) The report is intended to assist the General Assembly in its review of the associated agencies and occupational licensing boards the following biennium. The 2024 publication is the third edition of the report. It covers occupations regulated by the following agencies and occupational licensing boards:

- Ohio Athletics Commission;
- Ohio Construction Industry Licensing Board;
- Historical Boilers Licensing Board;
- Ohio Home Inspector Licensing Board;
- Division of Securities;
- State Board of Education;
- Ohio Environmental Protection Agency;
- Ohio Department of Health;
- State Medical Board;
- Ohio Department of Natural Resources; and
- Miscellaneous Regulations.

In advance of this publication, LSC distributed a survey to each of the agencies and occupational licensing boards listed above. The survey was developed in consultation with House and Senate members and staff. It includes general questions about the agency or board and questions specific to each occupation it regulates. The substance of the survey responses is fully reproduced in this report. All content submitted by an agency or board is preceded by a heading that contains the relevant agency code.

LSC staff conducted a surrounding state comparison for each occupation covered by this report. They contrast the Ohio regulation with the equivalent regulations in Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Pennsylvania, and West Virginia on the following topics: (1) education and training requirements, (2) experience requirements, (3) exam requirements, (4) continuing education requirements, (5) initial licensure fee, (6) license duration, and (7) renewal fee. The surrounding state comparison charts include citations to relevant

statutes, administrative rules, and secondary materials. Regulations in each comparison chart are identified as a license (an authorization that one must have to practice or engage in an occupation or profession and meet specified personal qualifications to obtain); a certification (a voluntary private or state program under which an individual who meets specified personal qualifications is granted recognition), or registration (a requirement to give notice the government that may include certain personal information). Note that the comparisons do not address all types of personal qualifications that make a regulation a license or certification. Each chart is preceded by a heading that includes “(LSC).”

There are a few instances throughout this report in which there is no survey for a particular occupation. In some cases, this means that LSC has not yet received a survey response from the agency or licensing board. In other cases, it is an indication that the agency’s or board’s survey response did not align precisely with LSC’s occupational regulation tracking records. LSC will update this as additional surveys are submitted and inconsistencies are resolved.

The report is available on the LSC website (lsc.ohio.gov) under the Publications heading¹ and a printed copy may be obtained from the LSC library, subject to a copying charge. Please contact the LSC library at (614) 466-5312 if you would like to obtain a copy.

It is LSC’s hope that readers find this report to be a valuable resource. Please direct any questions or comments regarding the report to LSC Office of Research and Drafting Division Chief Julie Rishel at (614) 466-3615.

¹ S.B. 255 of the 132nd General Assembly also requires LSC to issue a report for each introduced bill that substantially changes or enacts an occupational regulation. That report is available on the bill’s Documents page of the General Assembly’s website (legislature.ohio.gov).