

Rule Summary and Fiscal Analysis (Part A)**Ohio Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, and Athletic Trainers Board**

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Rule Number

AMENDMENT

TYPE of rule filing

Rule Title/Tag Line

Requirements for foreign educated applicants.**RULE SUMMARY**

1. Is the rule being filed consistent with the requirements of the RC 119.032 review? **No**

2. Are you proposing this rule as a result of recent legislation? **No**

3. Statute prescribing the procedure in accordance with the agency is required to adopt the rule: **119.03**

4. Statute(s) authorizing agency to adopt the rule: **4755.411**

5. Statute(s) the rule, as filed, amplifies or implements: **4755.42, 4755.43, 4755.44, 4755.45**

6. State the reason(s) for proposing (i.e., why are you filing,) this rule:

To modify requirements for foreign educated applicants for physical therapy licensure.

7. If the rule is an AMENDMENT, then summarize the changes and the content of the proposed rule; if the rule type is RESCISSION, NEW or NO CHANGE, then summarize the content of the rule:

The proposed amendment makes two changes to the requirements for foreign

educated physical therapist applicants. The first change is to remove the limit on the number of CLEP/AP credits that an applicant can use toward the required amount of general education credits. This change will bring Ohio's requirements in line with the standards in place for most other state physical therapy boards. In addition, since there is no limit on the amount of CLEP/AP credits that a U.S. student may use, the amendment makes the requirements for foreign educated applicants equivalent. The rule also proposes to eliminate the requirement that the applicant be licensed in the country of education. In some cases, foreign educated applicants never seek licensure in their country of education. Although the rule removes the requirement that the applicant be licensed in the country of education, if they do hold a foreign license, they must still submit verification of the foreign license as part of the application.

8. If the rule incorporates a text or other material by reference and the agency claims the incorporation by reference is exempt from compliance with sections 121.71 to 121.74 of the Revised Code because the text or other material is **generally available** to persons who reasonably can be expected to be affected by the rule, provide an explanation of how the text or other material is generally available to those persons:

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9. If the rule incorporates a text or other material by reference, and it was **infeasible** for the agency to file the text or other material electronically, provide an explanation of why filing the text or other material electronically was infeasible:

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10. If the rule is being **rescinded** and incorporates a text or other material by reference, and it was **infeasible** for the agency to file the text or other material, provide an explanation of why filing the text or other material was infeasible:

Not Applicable.

11. If **revising** or **refiling** this rule, identify changes made from the previously filed version of this rule; if none, please state so:

Not Applicable.

12. 119.032 Rule Review Date: 4/1/2015

(If the rule is not exempt and you answered NO to question No. 1, provide the scheduled review date. If you answered YES to No. 1, the review date for this rule is the filing date.)

NOTE: If the rule is not exempt at the time of final filing, two dates are required: the current review date plus a date not to exceed 5 years from the effective date for Amended rules or a date not to exceed 5 years from the review date for No Change rules.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

13. Estimate the total amount by which *this proposed rule* would **increase / decrease** either **revenues / expenditures** for the agency during the current biennium (in dollars): Explain the net impact of the proposed changes to the budget of your agency/department.

This will have no impact on revenues or expenditures.

\$0.00

Not applicable.

14. Identify the appropriation (by line item etc.) that authorizes each expenditure necessitated by the proposed rule:

Not applicable.

15. Provide a summary of the estimated cost of compliance with the rule to all directly affected persons. When appropriate, please include the source for your information/estimated costs, e.g. industry, CFR, internal/agency:

Under the current rule, if an applicants is deficient in general education coursework, they can use up to 15 credits via CLEP and AP. The remaining deficiencies must be completed via coursework, typically at a community college. The proposed change will allow the applicant to utilize CLEP/AP credits for more than 15 credits. This should reduce costs for applicants since a CLEP exam is less expensive than taking a course at a community college in many cases. The other change should remove a potential barrier for an individual to be eligible for licensure in Ohio. Under the current rule, if they do not hold licensure in the country of education, they would be required to obtain the foreign license, even if they were physically in the United States. Obtaining a license in the foreign country would require additional expenses for the applicant.

16. Does this rule have a fiscal effect on school districts, counties, townships, or municipal corporations? **No**

17. Does this rule deal with environmental protection or contain a component dealing with environmental protection as defined in R. C. 121.39? **No**