HB 1037 -- MUSIC THERAPISTS

SPONSOR: Swan

The bill establishes a "Music Therapy Advisory Group" consisting of five members appointed by the Director of the Division of Professional Registration within the Department of Insurance, Financial Institutions and Professional Registration, who shall serve without compensation. The advisory group shall provide an analysis of disciplinary actions at least once a year. The director may investigate allegations and issue sanctions for certain conduct specified in the bill.

This bill prohibits, after January 1, 2020, any person from using the title "music therapist" or practicing music therapy without a license. The director shall issue the license to applicants who hold a degree in music therapy from an approved program, have completed clinical training, passed an examination offered by the Certification Board for Music Therapists, and submit an application. The license must be renewed biennially.

This bill is similar to HB 987 (2017).