HB 1442 -- PROHIBITED USES OF OCCUPATIONAL FEES (Helms)

COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: Standing Committee on Professional Registration and Licensing

PROHIBITED USES OF OCCUPATIONAL FEES

This bill prohibits any licensure board, commission, or committee within the Division of Professional Registration from using any occupational fees for the purpose of offering continuing education classes. The bill allows a board, commission, or committee to utilize occupational licensure fees for the purpose of attending or presenting in a conference for the purpose of communicating information to licensees with respect to changes in policy or law (Section 324.035, RSMo).

This provision is similar to HB 705 (2019).

PSYCHOLOGIST LICENSURE APPLICATIONS

The bill removes a provision that would prohibit the Committee on Psychologists from charging an application fee unless the application is approved (Section 337.020).

Current law outlines methods for a psychologist licensed in another jurisdiction to receive a license in Missouri. This bill removes the ability for a psychologist who is currently licensed in another jurisdiction that is a signatory to the Association of State and Provincial Psychology Board's reciprocity agreement to receive a license in Missouri. (Section 337.029).

These provisions are the same as SB 637 and SB 204 (2020).

PSYCHOLOGIST CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

The bill requires that a physiologist take at least three of their required 40 hours of continuing education in professional ethics training (Section 337.050).

This bill is the same as SCS SB 689 (2020).