

BILL SUMMARY
1st Session of the 56th Legislature

Bill No.:	HB 1282
Version:	Committee Substitute
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Impact:	Negligible

Research Analysis

HB 1282 makes several changes to statutes regarding licensure of professional engineers and surveyors. The measure adds “professional structural engineer” to the covered professions and modifies definitions relating to the practice of engineering and the practice of surveying. The bill also specifies that certain provisions apply to *professional* engineers and surveyors.

The State Board of Licensure for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors would be empowered to create a scholarship program and to conduct instructional programs for currently-licensed engineers and surveyors. The measure further places all employees of the board in unclassified status, and authorizes the board to deny or revoke a license (or otherwise penalize) in cases of failure to obtain required professional development hours as approved by the board. Further, the board is directly authorized to initiate an investigation concerning professional licensed activities of licensees.

HB 1282 repeals 59 OS 475.12 - Qualifications for Eligibility for Licensure as Engineer or Land Surveyor. The measure then establishes requirements for licensure in other, separate sections. Procedures for a licensee returning to active status from inactive are clarified.

The bill requires all firms applying for a certificate of authorization to designate a professional engineer or professional land surveyor to be the *managing agent* of the firm.

Finally, HB 1282 clarifies and updates statutory language and includes cleanup language.

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Fiscal Analysis

According to the State Board of Licensure for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors, provisions of the measure will have little to no impact on state revenues or the public.

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Other Considerations

None.

