

**BILL SUMMARY**  
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<b>Bill No.:</b>	<b>SB 1281</b>
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**Research Analysis**

SB 1281 authorizes the State Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision to hire a physician as Medical Advisor, rather than appointing the secretary to serve. The measure removes a requirement that the Advisory Committee meet in order to judge the qualifications of an applicant for a license. The bill also authorizes the board to promulgate rules on specific continuing education requirements for reregistration.

SB 1281 requires a hearing before the board in any case in which a physician disputes allegations made in a complaint, no later than the next regular meeting occurring after 90 days of service of the citation. The measure provides for a penalty of up to \$1,000 and/or a continuing education course in ethics in cases of unintentional misrepresentation of information on a licensure application. The bill extends the definition of “unprofessional conduct” to include prescribing drugs or treatments in a way that is not safe and medically-accepted.

Finally, SB 1281 requires investigators employed by the board to be certified by the Council on Law Enforcement Education and Training, and provides that they have statewide jurisdiction.

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**Fiscal Analysis**

SB 1281 has no fiscal implications to the state.

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**Other Considerations**

None.