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The CS for SB 1038 authorizes occupational therapy to be conducted via telehealth under the Occupational Therapy Practice Act. The measure defines teletherapy and telerehabilitation in the Act and modifies the term “occupational therapy” to include the development of mental health and the utilization of telemedicine. Applicants for a license to practice occupational therapy must meet the standards of the Code of Ethics and licensure rules adopted by the State Board of Medical Licensure. The measure designates the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy as the provider of the examination form required of license applicants. The measure grants the Board greater flexibility in determining the licensing fees.

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