

BILL SUMMARY
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Bill No.:	HB 33559
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Impact:	Funeral Board:

No Negative Impact

Research Analysis

The committee substitute for HB 3359 removes the requirement that an applicant for a license to practice funeral directing or embalming have at least 60 semester hours of study earned from a regionally accredited college or university. The measure also provides that, in lieu of meeting the qualifications for an embalmer as laid out in the Funeral Services Licensing Act, an applicant for a license to practice embalming will qualify if they meet the following requirements:

- Completion of an embalmer course of study approved by the Oklahoma Funeral Board and administered by a program of funeral service/mortuary science accredited by the American Board of Funeral Service Education (ABFSE);
- Completion of a 12-month minimum term as a registered apprentice with full-time employment at a licensed establishment or licensed commercial embalming establishment;
- Have assisted with 25 embalmings under the supervision of a state-licensed embalmer; and
- Pass the embalmer examination provided by the International Conference of Funeral Service Examining Board and a law exam provided by the Oklahoma Funeral Board with a 75 or higher.

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Fiscal Analysis

Summary provided by the Oklahoma Funeral Board:

This bill will not negatively impact the agency. The objective is to help increase the amount of future licensees in the funeral industry by reducing the amount of extra college that is required that is not associated with mortuary school (60 college hours extra). This will reduce the amount of debt for the applicant and the amount of time it takes to get licensed. Currently, it takes roughly a bachelor's degree to become licensed as a funeral director and an embalmer. This bill reduces that time to the equivalent of an associate's degree.

This will remove the hindrance of reciprocating a license for those moving to Oklahoma from another state if the applicant does not have that additional college requirement.

This will not increase any fees to become licensed.

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Other Considerations

None.

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