

BILL SUMMARY
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Bill No.:	SB408
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Impact:	Please see previous summary of this measure

Research Analysis

The PCS to SB 408 defines teledentistry. The measure adds the Commission on Dental Competency Assessments (CDCA) to the list of entities that the Oklahoma Board of Dentistry may affiliate as a member state and accept regional examinations from with certain requirements.

The measure strikes a provision relating to the failure to pass a clinical examination. The measure adds a provision giving the Board of Dentistry authority to temporarily change requirements of an examination, not to exceed one year. Another provision added to the measure gives the Board authority in times of a health pandemic, a state or federal disaster or other natural or man-made disaster. The Board is authorized through a resolution to change or make allowances in requirements of all candidates for licensure and issue temporary licenses as needed. The measure also allows the President of the Board of Dentistry to authorize patient treatment and care by individuals taking the Commission on Dental Competency Assessments (CDCA) in order for such individuals to complete criteria related to Board examinations and the Board may authorize specialty exams to be given throughout the year as needed.

The measure modifies the continuing education hours required for oral maxillofacial surgery assistants from 12 hours to 8 hours of continuing education and requires such courses to be taken every 2 years instead of every 3 years.

The measure adds the provision that residents and fellows with a valid permit may supervise student dental clinics under the authority of the Dean or Associate Dean of the OU College of Dentistry. The measure also requires that the patient records include documentation of any medications prescribed, administered or dispensed to the patient during treatment. The measure modifies the number of years required for dentists to retain a copy of any laboratory prescriptions from at least 3 years to 7 years. Owners of dental laboratories are also required to retain the original laboratory prescription for 7 years from the date of the laboratory prescription.

The measure adds to the list of violations by a dental hygienist which are subject to revocation, reprimand, probation, or suspension of license by the Oklahoma Board of Dentistry. Additionally, the measure authorizes a dental hygienist to advertise that he or she is practicing in the office of a supervising dentist in which he or she is employed.

The measure authorizes a dentist to refer a patient to a dental laboratory for selecting the shading or matching shades of a prosthetic device being prepared for the dentist. The measure also modifies and specifies new continuing education requirements for dentists and dental hygienists.

Lastly, the measure modifies the certification of an annual statement showing the receipts and expenditures of the Board of Dentistry to the Governor. The measure specifies that the statement is to be certified by the Executive Director of the Board rather than the secretary treasurer and the statement may be sent electronically.

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Fiscal Analysis

The measure is currently under review and impact information will be completed.

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Other Considerations

None.