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Bill Analysis

SB 408 adds the Commission on Dental Competency Assessments to the list of entities the Oklahoma Board of Dentistry may accept examinations from. The measure also modifies the continuing education hours required of oral maxillofacial surgery assistants by lowering the number of hours needed from 12 to 8 and requiring such courses to be taken every 2 years instead of every 3 years. Additionally, the measure requires the patient record to include documentation of any medications prescribed, administered, or dispensed to the patient.

The measure consolidates the unprofessional conduct sections for dental hygienists. Additionally, the measure establishes the required content of continuing education courses provided to dentists and dental hygienists and provides for such courses to be taken online. The measure also extends the period a laboratory prescription may remain active from 3 years to 7 years and authorizes dentists to refer patients to a lab in order for the patient to select the shading or matching shades of a prosthetic device being prepared for the dentist to deliver to the patient.

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