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Research Analysis

The Floor Substitute to House Bill 3035 exempts the State Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision (OMB) from needing to meet to determine the qualifications of applicants for certificates or licenses under the board's jurisdiction. The measure provides that the powers granted to OMB, including the authority to revoke, suspend, or impose disciplinary actions on the licenses of physicians or surgeons, also apply to those in inactive status. The measure stipulates that during OMB investigations, at least one investigator must be a certified peace officer and is empowered to investigate potential disciplinary actions for unprofessional conduct or violations of narcotic and dangerous drug laws. The measure also removes the requirement for the Executive Director to immediately suspend the license of any person who has defaulted from the Allied Professional Peer Assistance Program.

CHANGES IN FLOOR SUBSTITUTE VERSION FROM COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

The Floor Substitute modifies the provision on investigations to require that at least one investigator must be a certified peace officer.

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Fiscal Analysis

HB 3035 requires at least one investigator hired by the State Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision (OMB) to be a peace officer certified by the Council on Law Enforcement Education and Training (CLEET). In addition, CLEET certified peace officers hired to investigate have the authority to inspect physician and surgeon personnel records to assess licensee compliance. This measure allows OMB the ability to revoke, suspend, and impose other disciplinary action to inactive physicians and surgeons. If a licensed professional defaults from the Allied Professional Peer Assistance Program, OMB must assign a hearing date for the matter to be presented to the Board and may suspend the individual's license in the interim.

OMB is a non-appropriated state agency, therefore any additional costs to regulate the provisions of this measure are assumed to be objective within the Department's existing resources. As a result this measure has no direct impact on the state budget or appropriations.

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Other Considerations

None.

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