

BILL SUMMARY
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Impact:	No Impact

Research Analysis

The committee substitute to House Bill 3965 authorizes physician assistants (PAs) who have met the required hours of post-graduate clinical experience to practice prescriptive authority without supervision.

The measure stipulates that if a PA is required to practice medicine under supervision, the services rendered must fall within the scope of the supervising physician's practice. The measure requires that practice agreements between a PA and a delegating physician concerning the scope of practice of the PA must include the scope of and any limitations on prescribing.

The measure expands the Physician Assistant Committee from seven to nine members and requires that five members of the Committee shall be PAs appointed by the State Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision from a list of qualified individuals submitted by the Oklahoma Academy of Physician Assistants.

The measure provides that to provide health care services, PAs must have a license approved by the State Board. The State Board is required to create and maintain a form on its website for reporting hours of post-graduate clinical experience. Those with at least 6,240 hours of post-graduate clinical experience who have reported their hours to the State Board are exempt from practicing under physician supervision. The Board maintains a list of such PAs.

The measure authorizes PAs working under a practice agreement to prescribe written and oral prescriptions, medical supplies, services, and drugs, including controlled substances in Schedules II through V. However, prescriptions for Schedule II drugs must be included in a written protocol determined by the delegating physician. PAs cannot dispense drugs but can request, receive, and distribute professional samples to patients. They are restricted from prescribing controlled medications in a schedule for which the delegating physician is not registered to prescribe.

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Fiscal Analysis

In its current form, HB3965 provides for several changes to the authorities granted to physician assistants. The measure also expands the Physician Assistant committee from seven members to nine members.

HB3965 also requires the State Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision to maintain a form on its website for reporting hours of post-graduate clinical experience, and to maintain a list of physician assistants that have at least 6,240 hours of post-graduate clinical experience.

This measure is not expected to impact state revenue or state appropriations.

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Other Considerations

None.

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