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Research Analysis

The engrossed version of SB 929 modifies various provisions of law relating to the practice of osteopathic medicine. The measure provides that such physicians engaged in the internship or PGY-1 year shall be issued a resident training license and all other postgraduate students shall be issued an advanced resident training license. The measure provides that any commissioned medical officer of the armed forces of the United States or medical officer of the United States Public Health Service or the Veterans Administration of the United States whose practice is confined solely within federally controlled facilities shall not be required to obtain licensure in this state. The measure modifies the contents of the official register of licensed physicians available to the public. The measure requires licensees of the Board to report any criminal investigation in a jurisdiction which concerns that licensee within 14 days.

The measure outlines the broad mission of the State Board of Osteopathic Examiners as well as its duties, including their quasi-judicial powers. The Board shall be authorized to obtain a national criminal history background check on physician applicants. Applicants seeking a letter of qualification under the Compact shall be fingerprinted for the national criminal history background check. The measure prohibits any licensed osteopathic physician from presenting him or herself as a board-certified specialist unless the physician completed the requirements for certification by the American Osteopathic Association, the American Board of Medical Specialties, or the American Association of Physician Specialists. The measure outlines disciplinary procedures for the Board and provides that the Board shall have the burden to establish the existence of grounds for disciplinary action. The Board shall not reinstate the license or certificate of an osteopathic physician until such time as it is satisfied that he or she has complied with all the terms and conditions set forth in the final order and that such person is capable of safely engaging in the practice of osteopathic medicine. The Board is authorized to reconsider the license revocation of a physician. The measure also repeals [59 O.S. 2021, Section 631](#), which contained outdated language relating to defining the terms school or college of osteopathic medicine.

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Fiscal Analysis

SB 929 amends various sections of the Oklahoma Osteopathic Medicine Act and broadens the powers and duties of the State Board of Osteopathic Examiners. The State Board of Osteopathic Examiners is a non-appropriated state agency; therefore, it is anticipated that the responsibilities outlined in the measure will be absorbed within the Board's existing budgetary resources. As a result, SB 929 is not expected to have a direct fiscal impact on the state budget or appropriations.

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Other Considerations

None.

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