

Bill Summary
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Bill Analysis

SB 1653 creates the Occupational Therapy Licensure Compact. The measure shall enter the state into a compact that shall facilitate interstate practice of Occupational Therapy with the goal of improving public access to Occupational Therapy services. The compact creates Occupational Therapy Compact Commission. Membership of the Commission shall be comprised of 1 delegate from the Commission's member states. The compact shall also create an interstate database, which shall be used to expedite licensure and investigate complaints. The Commission shall receive Adverse Actions from each state board as it relates to licensees. The compact provides for licensees to practice remotely across state lines and provides for reciprocal licensure. The compact provides that active duty military personnel shall retain the home state designation during the period the service member is on active duty. The compact also directs member states to share investigatory data.

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