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Research Analysis

The House Committee Substitute for SB 443 provides that an application must have passed medical licensing examinations consistent with the United States Medical Licensing Examination policies and procedures regarding the number of exam attempts unless an exemption is granted.

SB 443 authorizes the State Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision to appoint a Board Secretary and a medical advisor, both of which must be licensed physicians. The measure provides that for an applicant to practice medicine and surgery in the state that the Board consider as evidence of acceptability the sponsoring institution's accreditation by the listed entities. The measure authorizes the Board to obtain a national criminal history background check on physician applicants seeking a letter of qualification to register for an expedited licensure under the Compact. Applicants must be fingerprinted and results from the background check will be used solely for applicant screening. The measure also authorizes the Board to obtain a background check for people seeking licensure as a physician assistant or a Compact privilege under physician assistant licensure.

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Fiscal Analysis

SB 443 modifies certain duties and requirements of the State Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision. The State Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision is a non-appropriated state agency; therefore, the provisions of this measure are expected to be absorbed within the agency's existing resources. As a result, SB 443 has no direct fiscal impact on the state budget or appropriations.

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Other Considerations

None.