House Study Bill 528 - Introduced

SENATE/HOUSE FILE _____
BY (PROPOSED DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH BILL)

A BILL FOR

An Act concerning licensure requirements for dietetics as established or approved by the academy of nutrition and dietetics.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

S.F. _____ H.F. _____

Section 1. Section 152A.2, subsection 1, Code 2014, is amended to read as follows:

1. An applicant shall be issued a license to practice dietetics by the board when the applicant satisfies all of the following:

a. Possesses a baccalaureate degree or postbaccalaureate degree with a major course of study in human nutrition, food and nutrition, dietetics, or food systems management, or in an equivalent major course of study which meets minimum academic requirements as established by the ~~American dietetic association~~ accreditation council for education in nutrition and dietetics of the academy of nutrition and dietetics and approved by the board.

b. Completes an ~~internship or preplanned professional experience program~~ accredited competency-based supervised experience program approved by the ~~American dietetic association~~ accreditation council for education in nutrition and dietetics of the academy of nutrition and dietetics and approved by the board.

c. Satisfactorily completes ~~an~~ the commission on dietetic registration of the academy of nutrition and dietetics examination ~~designed~~ approved by the board.

Sec. 2. Section 152A.3, subsection 2, Code 2014, is amended to read as follows:

2. Dietetics students who engage in clinical practice under the supervision of a dietitian as part of a dietetic education program ~~approved or accredited by the American dietetic association~~ or a competency-based supervised experience program approved by the accreditation council for education in nutrition and dietetics of the academy of nutrition and dietetics.

Sec. 3. Section 152A.3, subsection 4, paragraph b, Code 2014, is amended to read as follows:

b. Conducting a teaching clinical demonstration in connection with a program of basic clinical education, graduate

education, or postgraduate education which is sponsored by a dietetic education program or ~~accredited by the American dietetic association and carried out in an educational institution or its affiliated clinical facility or health care agency, or before a group of licensed dietitians~~ a competency-based supervised experience program approved by the accreditation council for education in nutrition and dietetics of the academy of nutrition and dietetics.

EXPLANATION

The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

This bill relates to licensure requirements for dietetics. The bill changes references from the American dietetic association to the academy of nutrition and dietetics to reflect the association's name change. The bill also specifies that the accreditation council for education in nutrition and dietetics is the credentialing agency within the academy of nutrition and dietetics. Further, the bill states that a dietitian, to obtain licensure in Iowa, must complete an examination approved by both the academy of nutrition and dietetics and the board of dietetics rather than just the board. The bill allows an exemption from licensure for dietetic students engaged in a competency-based supervised experience program approved by the academy of nutrition and dietetics and for dietitians conducting a teaching demonstration in connection with clinical education sponsored by a competency-based supervised experience program, rather than just a dietetic education program.