

House Study Bill 546 - Introduced

HOUSE FILE _____
BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE ON HIGHER
EDUCATION BILL BY CHAIRPERSON
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A BILL FOR

- 1 An Act relating to continuing education requirements for licensed
- 2 professions.
- 3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 256.146, subsection 1, paragraph a,
2 subparagraph (2), Code 2026, is amended to read as follows:

3 (2) Establish issuance and renewal requirements, provided
4 that a continuing education requirement may be completed by
5 electronic means, continuing education requirements shall relate
6 directly to the practice of the licensed profession, and there
7 shall be no renewal requirement for a practitioner who has
8 been employed as a practitioner for at least ten years and who
9 possesses a master's or doctoral degree, unless the practitioner
10 holds an evaluator approval endorsement, which must be renewed at
11 least once every ten years.

12 Sec. 2. Section 272C.2, subsection 2, Code 2026, is amended
13 by adding the following new paragraph:

14 NEW PARAGRAPH. i. Not include any requirements that are not
15 directly related to the practice of the licensed profession.

16 Sec. 3. ATTORNEY LICENSING — COURT RULES. The supreme court
17 shall adopt or amend Iowa court rules for continuing education
18 requirements for licensed attorneys, such that the rules shall
19 not include any requirements that are not directly related to the
20 practice of law.

21 EXPLANATION

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

24 This bill relates to continuing education requirements for
25 licensed professions, including those licensed by the board of
26 education or the supreme court. The bill prohibits boards from
27 adopting rules for continuing education requirements that require
28 a licensee to obtain continuing education credits that are not
29 directly related to the practice of the licensed profession. The
30 bill also requires the supreme court to adopt or amend court
31 rules for the continuing education of attorneys that do not
32 include any requirements that are not directly related to the
33 practice of law.