

SESSION OF 2024

SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2746

As Recommended by House Committee on
Health and Human Services

Brief*

HB 2746 would amend the Dietitians Licensing Act regarding education and experience qualifications and the notice method for an expiring license.

Education and Experience Qualifications

The bill would require licensees, after July 1, 2024, to have completed at least a graduate degree and at least 1,000 clock hours in a supervised practice regarding dietetic experience. The bill would state that persons who had completed a baccalaureate or post-baccalaureate degree with a major course of study in human nutrition, food and nutrition, dietetics, or food service management approved by the Secretary for Aging and Disability Services (Secretary) prior to July 1, 2024, would be considered to have met the standard for approval.

Notice Requirements

The bill would update the notification requirement for an expiring license by the Secretary to remove the requirement that the notice method be by mail.

The bill would also remove the requirement that the Secretary provide a second notice of an expiring license. The bill would amend the law to clarify that failure to renew a

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license within the 30-day period prior to the expiration date would result in an expired license.

The bill would also make technical amendments.

Background

The bill was introduced by the House Committee on Health and Human Services at the request of Representative S. Ruiz.

House Committee on Health and Human Services

At the House Committee hearing on February 13, 2024, a representative of the Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services (KDADS) provided **proponent** testimony, stating generally that the change in education to the graduate level and the increase to 1,000 hours from the 900 hours of supervised practice will align Kansas with the new national standards set by the national credentialing body that took effect January 1, 2024. The representative noted that Kansas accredited institutes that offer a dietitian program updated their education and training requirements in 2023.

Written-only proponent testimony was provided by a representative of the Kansas Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics.

Fiscal Information

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget on the bill, KDADS indicates enactment of the bill would have no fiscal effect on the agency. The bill would align Kansas standards with national changes that have already been made at the national level. KDADS does not expect an increase or decrease in the number of dietitians the agency would license.

Dietitians Licensing Act; health; healthcare; healthcare professions; license