

1 **SENATE FLOOR VERSION**

2 February 26, 2024

3 SENATE BILL NO. 1591

By: Coleman of the Senate

4 and

5 Harris of the House

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8 An Act relating to the practice of chiropractic;  
9 amending 59 O.S. 2021, Section 161.10a, as amended by  
10 Section 1, Chapter 13, O.S.L. 2023 (59 O.S. Supp.  
11 2023, Section 161.10a), which relates to continuing  
12 education; modifying in-state continuing education  
13 program qualifications; and providing an effective  
14 date.

15 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

16 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2021, Section 161.10a, as  
17 amended by Section 1, Chapter 13, O.S.L. 2023 (59 O.S. Supp. 2023,  
18 Section 161.10a), is amended to read as follows:

19 Section 161.10a. A. Applications to provide chiropractic  
20 continuing education seminars shall be submitted for review and  
21 approval by the Board of Chiropractic Examiners. An applicant shall  
22 submit to the Board for approval:

23 1. An application to provide continuing education in this  
24 state;

2. The agenda for the continuing education seminar;

1 3. The professional background of the instructors; and

2 4. A summary of the courses to be taught at the continuing  
3 education seminar.

4 B. Prior to approval of an application, the Board may authorize  
5 the Executive Director to temporarily approve applications, or  
6 amendments to an application, pursuant to the requirements specified  
7 by this section and the rules approved by the Board for continuing  
8 education programs. Continuing education credits may only be  
9 counted for seminars receiving final Board approval.

10 C. A continuing education program shall offer seminars  
11 providing continuing education on those subjects within the scope of  
12 practice of chiropractic as well as those technical, professional,  
13 and practical subjects that relate to the practice of chiropractic  
14 as included in Section 161.8 of this title. Instructors at  
15 continuing education seminars may sell products as long as the sale  
16 of such products is ancillary to the purpose of the seminar.

17 D. Each year a chiropractic physician must attend sixteen (16)  
18 hours of continuing education. Twelve (12) hours must be within the  
19 scope of practice of chiropractic as well as those technical,  
20 professional, and practical subjects that relate to the practice of  
21 chiropractic as included in Section 161.8 of this title. A maximum  
22 of four (4) hours may be non-clinical in nature.

23 E. 1. A minimum of eight (8) hours of the annual Oklahoma  
24 continuing education requirements shall be obtained through one or

1 more in-state continuing education programs approved by the Board  
2 and provided by an accredited chiropractic college in this state or  
3 a chiropractic association in this state.

4 2. A maximum of eight (8) hours of the annual Oklahoma  
5 continuing education requirements may be obtained by a continuing  
6 education program outside this state if the out-of-state continuing  
7 education program is approved by the Board.

8 F. Chiropractic physicians who have not been in active practice  
9 during the previous year shall be exempt from that calendar year's  
10 continuing education requirements. However, prior to returning to  
11 active practice, the chiropractor must have attended the required  
12 continuing education during the previous calendar year.

13 ~~G. All licensed chiropractic physicians must attend a minimum~~  
14 ~~of eight (8) hours of in-state continuing education programs~~  
15 ~~approved by the Board of Chiropractic Examiners.~~

16 ~~H.~~ The Board may waive the requirements for continuing  
17 education, if the licensee was prevented from attending by illness  
18 or extenuating circumstances, as determined by the Board. In  
19 waiving the continuing education requirements for any given year,  
20 the Board may require the licensee to make up the hours in the  
21 succeeding year as a condition for license renewal.

22 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2024.

23 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS AND COMMERCE  
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