BILL SUMMARY

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No Measureable Impact Anticipated

Research Analysis

SB 408 adds the Commission on Dental Competency Assessments (CDCA) to the list of entities that the Oklahoma Board of Dentistry may affiliate as a member state and accept regional examinations from with certain requirements.

The measure modifies the continuing education hours required for oral maxillofacial surgery assistants from 12 hours to 8 hours of continuing education and requires such courses to be taken every 2 years instead of every 3 years. The measure modifies and specifies new continuing education requirements for dentists and dental hygienists.

The measure also requires that the patient records include documentation of any medications prescribed, administered or dispensed to the patient during treatment. The measure modifies the number of years required for dentists to retain a copy of any laboratory prescriptions from at least 3 years to 7 years. Owners of dental laboratories are also required to retain the original laboratory prescription for 7 years from the date of the laboratory prescription.

The measure adds to the list of violations by a dental hygienist which are subject to revocation, reprimand, probation, or suspension of license by the Oklahoma Board of Dentistry. Additionally, the measure authorizes a dental hygienist to advertise that he or she is practicing in the office of a supervising dentist in which he or she is employed.

The measure authorizes a dentist to refer a patient to a dental laboratory for selecting the shading or matching shades of a prosthetic device being prepared for the dentist.

Lastly, the measure modifies the certification of an annual statement showing the receipts and expenditures of the Board of Dentistry to the Governor. The measure specifies that the statement is to be certified by the Executive Director of the Board rather than the secretary treasurer and the statement may be sent electronically.

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Fiscal Analysis

The measure modifies certain statutes pertaining to dentistry, including continuing education requirements, record keeping requirements, grounds for penalties and disciplinary actions.

The provisions are not expected to result in measureable fiscal or revenue costs or savings.

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Other Considerations
None.
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