



ANALYSIS

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House Bill 5604 (as passed by the House) Sponsor: Representative Al Pscholka House Committee: Regulatory Reform Senate Committee: Regulatory Reform

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CONTENT

The bill would repeal Sections 2, 3, and 4 of Public Act 162 of 1969, which provided for the establishment of a State-supported School of Osteopathic Medicine and its assignment to an established four-year State institution of higher education. (This became the Michigan State University (MSU) School of Osteopathic Medicine.)

Sections 2, 3, and 4 of the Act establish the Michigan Osteopathic Medicine Advisory Board and specify Advisory Board membership and organization requirements. Section 3 also requires the Advisory Board to advise the board of control (i.e., the MSU Board of Trustees) on all matters of pertinence to the School of Osteopathic Medicine.

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BACKGROUND

The "Recommendations of the Office of Regulatory Reinvention Regarding Occupational Licensing", which was published on February 17, 2012, recommended the elimination of the Michigan Osteopathic Medicine Advisory Board through the repeal of Sections 2, 3, and 4 of Public Act 162 of 1969.

The Office of Regulatory Reinvention report states "the board was functional in the developmental years" but for the past decade, "it has not served a useful purpose in fulfilling its legislative mission to 'recommend tuition and other fees' and 'recommend the appointment or removal of such personnel as the interests of the school and the generally accepted principles of academic tenure permit or require". The stated rationale for repeal is: "The board no longer serves a useful purpose."

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FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have no fiscal impact on State or local government.

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