

Legislative Analysis



CONTINUING EDUCATION CREDIT FOR MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL INSURANCE ASSOCIATION

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House Bill 6167 as introduced
Sponsor: Rep. Graham Filler
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SUMMARY:

House Bill 6167 would amend the Insurance Code to allow an insurance producer (i.e., an insurance agent) who is an active member of a professional insurance association to be credited with four hours toward continuing education requirements on the basis of that membership if certain conditions are met.

Under the code, every two years, an insurance producer who wishes to renew a license must attend or instruct at least 24 hours of continuing education classes approved by the director of the Department of Insurance and Financial Services (DIFS) or complete 24 hours of home study or online training as long as there is evidence of successful completion of coursework approved by the director. At least three hours of the continuing education requirement must be in classes or coursework in ethics in insurance. An insurance producer's hours of study accrued are reviewed for license continuance every two years under a schedule established by the director.

Under the bill, for a review date on or after January 1, 2023, of an applicable two-year period, an insurance producer who is an active member of a local, regional, state, or national professional insurance association approved by the director of DIFS would have to be credited four hours toward the required 24 hours of continuing education. However, the four hours could not count toward the required three hours of classes or coursework in ethics in insurance.

The director could approve a professional insurance association only upon determining all of the following:

- The association has been in existence for at least five years.
- The association was formed for purposes other than providing continuing education.
- The association has provided the director with its articles of incorporation on file with the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs.

In addition, a professional insurance association approved by the director would have to certify all of the following to the director:

- That the insurance producer maintains an active membership for the duration of the two-year continuing education period.
- That the insurance producer attended 50% of the regular meetings of the association.
- That the insurance producer attended a statewide meeting on an annual basis.

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FISCAL IMPACT:

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

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