

# Legislative Analysis



## REAL ESTATE BROKER AND SALESPERSON CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

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### House Bill 4717 (proposed substitute H-1)

**Sponsor: Rep. Kristian C. Grant**

**Committee: Regulatory Reform**

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### SUMMARY:

House Bill 4717 would amend the Occupational Code to amend the continuing education requirements for real estate brokers and salespeople to require annual education on compliance with local, state, or federal fair housing laws. The bill would also eliminate the requirement that an applicant complete additional continuing education hours if they are found to have been deficient for more than 60 days.

Currently, the act requires the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA) to prescribe rules on continuing education (CE) requirements for real estate brokers and salespeople. The act requires that the number of required hours equal the number of years per license cycle multiplied by six. Since the license cycle is currently three-year, 18 hours are required. The act also requires that licensees complete two hours of CE courses involving statutes, rules, and court cases in each year of a license cycle. These hours are counted toward the 18-hour total requirement.

The bill would require that licensees complete at least one hour of CE courses that involve compliance with local, state, or federal fair housing laws per year of a license cycle, which would be counted toward the 18-hour total requirement.

A licensee would be able to choose any CE course in their area of expertise and complete the remaining hours at any time during the license cycle.

#### Deficiency of Credits

The act currently requires an applicant for a license renewal who is determined to have been deficient in CE credits upon audit by LARA to complete additional credits in addition to the number of credits required to reach the required 18 hours if they were deficient for at least 60 days (in addition to other penalties).

The bill would eliminate this requirement, meaning that applicants found to be deficient in CE credits would only need to complete the number of credits required to reach the required 18 hours.

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**FISCAL IMPACT:**

House Bill 4717 would have no fiscal impact on state or local government.

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