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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1440

5 By: Representative Pilkington  
6 By: Senator Hester  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO MODIFY THE CURRICULUM OF MASSAGE THERAPY  
10 SCHOOLS; TO ALLOW REMOTE EDUCATION IN AN ONLINE  
11 FORMAT AND IN-PERSON TRAINING WITH A MASTER MASSAGE  
12 THERAPIST TO MEET THE CURRICULUM REQUIREMENTS; AND  
13 FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

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18 EDUCATION IN AN ONLINE FORMAT AND IN-  
19 PERSON TRAINING WITH A MASTER MASSAGE  
20 THERAPIST TO MEET THE CURRICULUM  
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25 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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27 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 17-86-306(e), concerning massage therapy  
28 schools, is amended to read as follows:

29 (e)(1) The department may certify the school and provide for licensure  
30 thereof if the school follows a curriculum consisting of not fewer than five  
31 hundred (500) hours of in-classroom instruction over a term of not fewer than  
32 four (4) months consisting of the following subjects:

33 ~~(1)~~(A) One hundred seventy-five (175) hours of anatomy,  
34 physiology, pathology, and contraindications to massage therapy;

35 ~~(2)~~(B) Two hundred twenty-five (225) hours of technique;

36 ~~(3)~~(C) Twenty-five (25) hours of hydrotherapy, electrotherapy,



1 and heliotherapy;

2 ~~(4)~~(D) Twenty-five (25) hours of hygiene and infection control;

3 ~~(5)~~(E) Twenty-five (25) hours of massage therapy law, business  
4 management, and professional ethics; and

5 ~~(6)~~(F) Twenty-five (25) hours of related subjects as approved by  
6 the department.

7 (2) The curriculum established in subdivision (e)(1) of this  
8 section may be completed through remote education in an online format and in-  
9 person training with a master massage therapist or massage therapy instructor  
10 in a licensed massage therapy clinic or massage therapy spa.

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12 /s/Pilkington

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