

Bill Summary
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Bill Analysis

SB 597 provides that the graduates of foreign medical schools recognized by the State Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision may qualify for the physician positions reserved on the Board. The measure also authorizes retired physicians to serve on the Board. The measure strikes language prohibiting any member of the Board from serving while employed at a medical school. Disciplinary action by the Board must be kept confidential and privileged by members of the Board. The initiation of investigations, information obtained during the investigation, and all acts governing any and all professional licensees under the legislative jurisdiction of the State Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision shall be kept confidential and privileged. Such information shall become public once entered into administrative proceedings before the Board. Unless admitted into administrative proceedings, the information shall not be deemed to be a record as that term is defined in the Oklahoma Open Records Act, nor shall the information be subject to subpoena or discovery in any civil or criminal proceedings. The measure also establishes the Anesthesiologist Assistants Advisory Committee to advise the Board. The Committee shall be comprised of 5 members, who shall be appointed in staggered terms. Members of the Committee shall be reimbursed for travel expenses.

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