

HOUSE BILL No. 2298

By Committee on Higher Education

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9 AN ACT concerning educational requirements for licensure as a health
10 care provider.

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12 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

13 Section 1. (a) As used in this section:

14 (1) "Appropriate licensing agency" means an agency that issues a li-
15 cense to a health care provider.

16 (2) "Distance-learning" means those technologies which predomi-
17 nately use internet-based methods to deliver instruction.

18 (3) "Health care provider" means: A person licensed to practice any
19 branch of the healing arts by the state board of healing arts, a podiatrist
20 licensed by the state board of healing arts, a physician assistant licensed
21 by the state board of healing arts, an optometrist licensed by the board
22 of examiners in optometry, a pharmacist licensed by the state board of
23 pharmacy, a dentist licensed by the Kansas dental board, a dental hy-
24 gienist licensed by the Kansas dental board, a professional nurse licensed
25 by the board of nursing, a practical nurse licensed by the board of nursing,
26 a mental health technician licensed by the board of nursing, a physical
27 therapist licensed by the state board of healing arts, a physical therapist
28 assistant certified by the state board of healing arts, an occupational ther-
29 apist licensed by the state board of healing arts, an occupational therapy
30 assistant licensed by the state board of healing arts and a respiratory ther-
31 apist licensed by the state board of healing arts.

32 (4) "License," "licensure" and "licensing" include comparable terms
33 which relate to licensure regulation and regulation similar to licensure,
34 such as registration.

35 (b) In each case where passage of an examination is required as one
36 of the qualifications for licensure as a health care provider and where
37 educational course work is a prerequisite for taking the examination, and
38 notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, course credit obtained
39 through distance-learning which meets in whole or in part the required
40 educational course work as determined by the appropriate licensing
41 agency shall be applied by the appropriate licensing agency as meeting in
42 whole or in part the educational course work required to take the licen-
43 sure examination. The provisions of this subsection shall only apply if the

1 distance-learning is approved by the relevant educational credentialing
2 authority and is approved by the appropriate licensing agency as substan-
3 tially the same quality as other educational courses approved to meet the
4 educational requirement to take the examination for licensure for the
5 particular classification of health care provider.

6 Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
7 publication in the statute book.