

1 preceding the effective date of this act shall continue in effect until the
2 board adopts rules and regulations under this subsection fixing a different
3 fee therefor.

4 (e) The board shall adopt rules and regulations establishing the
5 criteria ~~which~~ that a school or college of optometry shall satisfy in meeting
6 the requirement of approval by the board established under subsection (a).
7 The board may send a questionnaire developed by the board to any school
8 or college of optometry for which the board does not have sufficient
9 information to determine whether the school or college meets the
10 requirements for approval and rules and regulations adopted under this act.
11 The questionnaire providing the necessary information shall be completed
12 and returned to the board in order for the school or college to be
13 considered for approval. The board may contract with investigative
14 agencies, commissions or consultants to assist the board in obtaining
15 information about schools or colleges. In entering such contracts the
16 authority to approve schools or colleges shall remain solely with the board.
17 (f) (1) The board may require an applicant for licensure or a licensee
18 in connection with an investigation of the licensee to be fingerprinted and
19 submit to a state and national criminal history record check in accordance
20 with K.S.A. 2024 Supp. 22-4714, and amendments thereto.

21 (2) (A) The board shall fix a fee for fingerprinting applicants or
22 licensees in an amount necessary to reimburse the board for the cost of the
23 fingerprinting. Fees collected under this subsection shall be deposited in
24 the criminal history and fingerprinting fund.

25 (B) There is hereby created in the state treasury the criminal history
26 and fingerprinting fund. All moneys credited to the fund shall be used to
27 pay all costs and fees associated with processing of fingerprints and
28 criminal history checks for the board of examiners in optometry. The fund
29 shall be administered by the board. All expenditures from the fund shall be
30 made in accordance with appropriation acts upon warrants of the director
31 of accounts and reports issued pursuant to vouchers approved by the
32 president of the board or a person designated by the president.

33 (g) *Any licensee applying for credentialing by the board shall*
34 *complete and swear to an application form furnished by the board*
35 *accompanied by an additional fee fixed by the board by rules and*
36 *regulations in an amount necessary to reimburse the board for the cost of*
37 *credentialing.*

38 Sec. 4. K.S.A. 65-1509a is hereby amended to read as follows: 65-
39 1509a. (a) In addition to the payment of the license renewal fee, each
40 licensee applying for license renewal shall furnish to the secretary of the
41 board satisfactory evidence of successfully completing a minimum of 24
42 hours of continuing education annually, five hours of which shall relate to
43 ocular pharmacology, therapeutics or related topics of study, approved by

1 the board in the year just preceding such application for the renewal of the
 2 license. The board, in its discretion, may increase the required hours of
 3 continuing education by rules and regulations adopted by the board. On or
 4 before April 1 of each year, the secretary of the board shall send a written
 5 notice of continuing education requirements to this effect to every person
 6 holding a valid license to practice optometry within the state as provided
 7 in ~~subsection (a) of~~ K.S.A. 65-1509(a), and amendments thereto.

8 (b) ~~The board shall establish credentialing requirements for a~~
 9 ~~licensee to administer or perform the procedures described in K.S.A. 65-~~
 10 ~~1501(a)(4), and amendments thereto.~~

11 Sec. 5. K.S.A. 65-1512 is hereby amended to read as follows: 65-
 12 1512. ~~This act~~ ~~the provisions of article 15 of chapter 65 of the Kansas~~
 13 ~~Statutes Annotated, and amendments thereto,~~ shall be known and may be
 14 cited as the optometry law.

15 Sec. 6. K.S.A. 65-1523 is hereby amended to read as follows: 65-
 16 1523. The board in its discretion, in addition to any other remedies
 17 provided in this act, may apply to a court of competent jurisdiction for
 18 injunctive relief ~~against any person~~ to restrain violations of the provisions
 19 of this act, ~~and the lawful rules and regulations promulgated by the board~~
 20 ~~under authority of this act.~~

21 Sec. 7. K.S.A. 74-1504 is hereby amended to read as follows: 74-
 22 1504. (a) The board shall administer and enforce the provisions of the
 23 optometry law, and the board is hereby granted such specific powers as are
 24 necessary for the purpose of administering and enforcing such law. In
 25 addition, the board may:

26 (1) Employ agents, attorneys and inspectors under such rules and
 27 regulations as the board may prescribe in accordance with the provisions
 28 of the optometry law, except that no state officer shall be eligible for
 29 employment by the board.

30 (2) Make all necessary disbursements; to carry out the provisions of
 31 this act, including payment for stationery supplies; ~~acquire and acquiring~~
 32 all necessary optical instruments to be used in the conducting of
 33 examination, ~~print and distribute to all optometrists in the state a yearbook~~
 34 ~~of the names and addresses of all optometrists licensed by the board,~~
 35 ~~maintain and make available to the public a directory including the names~~
 36 ~~and addresses of all optometrists licensed by the board.~~

37 (3) Grant all licenses as seem just and proper and to suspend, limit,
 38 revoke or refuse to renew any such licenses granted for any of the causes
 39 specified under K.S.A. 65-1506, and amendments thereto.

40 (4) Administer oaths and take testimony upon granting or refusing to
 41 grant, revoking, limiting or suspending licenses.

42 (5) Issue subpoenas, compel the attendance of witnesses and the
 43 production of any papers, books, accounts, documents and testimony, and

(D) A licensee who seeks to administer or perform a procedure
 referenced by K.S.A. 65-1501(a)(4) or (5), and amendments
 thereto, that requires the use of injections or lasers shall be
 required to receive credentialing as follows:

(A) A licensee who graduated from an accredited college or
 optometry on or after July 1, 2020, shall be granted such
 credentialing by the board upon submitting a request to the
 board.

(B) ~~Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a),~~ A licensee
 who graduated from an accredited college or school of
 optometry prior to July 1, 2020, ~~who seeks to administer or~~
~~perform a procedure referenced in K.S.A. 65-1501(a)(4), and~~
~~amendments thereto, that requires the use of injections or lasers~~
 shall successfully complete be granted credentialing when the
 board receives proof of successful completion of a 32-hour
 certification program that:

(1) Includes both didactic and clinical or laboratory
 experiences and testing approved by the board; and

(2) (i) is presented by a school or college of optometry or school
 of medicine that is approved by the board.