

# Legislative Analysis



## BARBER EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

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**House Bill 5786 as reported from committee**

**Sponsor: Rep. Jaime Churches**

**Committee: Regulatory Reform**

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## SUMMARY:

House Bill 5786 would amend the Occupational Code to reduce the number of apprenticeship or barber college hours an individual must have to be licensed as a barber in Michigan.

Currently, among other requirements, an individual must complete at least 1,800 hours in a barber apprenticeship program or a course of study at a barber college to qualify for a license. The bill would reduce the required minimum to 1,500 hours.

The bill also would modify the licensing requirements for barber colleges to require a college to offer a 1,500-hour educational program, with the specific breakdown of hours of classroom study and practical barber training to be determined by the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA) by rule. (For the current 1,800-hour requirement, a breakdown of 225 classroom hours and 1,575 hours of practical barber training is specifically provided in the act.)

In addition, the code allows a student at a barber college to substitute up to 1,000 hours of substantially similar instruction from a school of cosmetology for the required hours of instruction at the barber college. The bill would have the effect of increasing the percentage of required hours that can be substituted under this provision from 56% to 67%.

MCL 339.1108 and 339.1110

## BRIEF DISCUSSION:

Supporters of the bill argued that the majority of other states require barbers to undergo education of 1,500 hours or less.<sup>1</sup> They contended that lessening Michigan's requirements would make it easier to enter the profession for residents and for out-of-state barbers who wish to move here and practice.

## FISCAL IMPACT:

House Bill 5786 would not have a fiscal impact on any unit of state or local government.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://ij.org/report/license-to-work-3/ltw-occupation-profile/barber/>