

BILL SUMMARY
1st Session of the 59th Legislature

Bill No.:	SB597
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Impact:	Minimal, travel expenses

Research Analysis

The engrossed version of SB 597 provides that the graduates of foreign medical schools recognized by the State Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision qualify for the physician positions reserved on the Board.

The measure also authorizes retired physicians to serve on the Board, strikes language prohibiting any member of the Board from serving while employed at a medical school, and requires that disciplinary action by the Board be kept confidential and privileged by members of the Board.

The measure requires that 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 be kept confidential and privileged until it is entered into administrative proceedings before the Board. Otherwise, the information will not be subject to the Oklahoma Open Records Act, or 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, and outlines the membership of the Committee.

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Fiscal Analysis

SB 597 amends the State Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision to allow foreign medical schools recognized by the Board, current licensed physicians and retired physicians be allowed to serve on 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. Nor shall the information be subject to subpoena or discovery in any civil or criminal proceedings. The measure stipulates 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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Other Considerations

None.

