

Amend CSSB 277 by striking SECTION 14 of the bill (committee printing page 5, lines 38-45) and substituting the following:

SECTION 14. Section 1001.210, Occupations Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 1001.210. CONTINUING EDUCATION PROGRAMS. (a) The board shall [may] recognize, prepare, or administer continuing education programs for its license holders. A license holder must participate in the programs to the extent required by the board to keep the person's license.

(b) The board may not require a license holder to obtain more than 15 hours of continuing education annually. The board shall permit a license holder to certify at the time the license is renewed that the license holder has complied with the board's continuing education requirements.

(c) The board shall permit a license holder to receive continuing education credit for educational, technical, ethical, or professional management activities related to the practice of engineering, including:

(1) successfully completing or auditing a course sponsored by an institution of higher education;

(2) successfully completing a course certified by a professional or trade organization;

(3) attending a seminar, tutorial, short course, correspondence course, videotaped course, or televised course;

(4) participating in an in-house course sponsored by a corporation or other business entity;

(5) teaching a course described by Subdivisions (1)-(4);

(6) publishing an article, paper, or book on the practice of engineering;

(7) making or attending a presentation at a meeting of a technical or engineering management society or organization or writing a paper presented at such a meeting;

(8) participating in the activities of a professional society or association, including serving on a committee of the organization; and

(9) engaging in self-directed study.

(d) A license holder may not receive more than five continuing education credit hours annually for engaging in self-directed study [~~persons regulated by the board under this chapter. Participation in the programs is voluntary~~].