

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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### **AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT**

The Occupations Code currently requires that a barber or cosmetology school and a barbering or cosmetology establishment on the same premises be separated by a permanent wall, which helps ensure that clients do not confuse students for fully licensed practitioners and that standards for schools and establishments are distinct.

Increasingly, public schools are working to expand opportunities for students to gain practical career experience through innovative education programs. H.B. 2120 creates an exemption to allow public schools and retail barbering and cosmetology establishments on the same campus to blend hands-on training with more standard coursework. The bill authorizes a high school that holds a license as a barbering or cosmetology school to obtain a license for an establishment on the same campus without separating the two spaces by a permanent wall and to hire barbers and cosmetologists to work in the joint space.

H.B. 2120 amends current law relating to the practice of barbering and cosmetology at an establishment at a public secondary school.

### **RULEMAKING AUTHORITY**

Rulemaking authority is expressly granted to the Texas Commission of Licensing and Regulation in SECTION 1 (Section 1603.359, Occupations Code) of this bill.

### **SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS**

SECTION 1. Amends Subchapter H, Chapter 1603, Occupations Code, by adding Section 1603.359, as follows:

Sec. 1603.359. PRACTICE OF BARBERING AND COSMETOLOGY AT ESTABLISHMENT AT PUBLIC SECONDARY SCHOOL. (a) Authorizes a person, notwithstanding Section 1603.358 (Operation of Establishment and School on Single Premises), to operate an establishment on the same premises as a public secondary school licensed under Subchapter E-3 (School Licenses; Operation) without separating the facilities by a wall or other permanent structure.

(b) Authorizes the Texas Commission of Licensing and Regulation to adopt rules as necessary to implement this section.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 2023.