Key Concept:

- **OCCUPATIONAL THERAPISTS.** Provides for licensure and qualifications of massage therapists. (8/1/22)

**SUMMARY OF HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO THE SENATE BILL**

1. Make technical changes.

2. Specify that hours above the required 500 minimum be earned in accordance with the policies prescribed by the Board of Regents.

**DIGEST OF THE SENATE BILL AS RETURNED TO THE SENATE**

**DIGEST**

Present law provides rules regarding licensure, qualifications, and exemptions for persons engaged in the practice of massage therapy.

Present law requires applicants for a massage therapist license to pay the application fee and submit evidence satisfactory to the La. Board of Massage Therapy that the applicant has satisfactorily completed a minimum 500-hour in-class supervised course of studies pursuant to rules promulgated by the board in accordance with the APA.

Proposed law retains present law but requires that the minimum 500 hours of massage therapy techniques and clinical practicum be earned through in-person, in-class, instructor-supervised learning. Proposed law further provides that hours above the required minimum 500 hours may be a combination of in-person, in-class, instructor-supervised learning and real-time synchronous distance learning.

Proposed law defines "in-person, in-class, instructor-supervised" learning and "real-time synchronous distance learning".

(Amends R.S. 37:3552(5)-(12) and 3556(A)(1)(a); Adds R.S. 37:3552(13) and (14))

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