

SCS SB 850 -- BOARD OF OPTOMETRY

SPONSOR: Justus (Meiners)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "do pass by consent" by the Special Committee on Professional Registration and Licensing by a vote of 10 to 0.

This substitute requires the Board of Optometry within the Department of Insurance, Financial Institutions, and Professional Registration to give 10 days' notice of the time and place of its semi-annual meetings for the examination of applicants for registration and to transact other business. The board's president or vice president will have the authority to call additional meetings without the 10-day notice if sufficient notice is given to the other board members and the public in the same manner as required for a public meeting.

FISCAL NOTE: No impact on state funds in FY 2009, FY 2010, and FY 2011.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that the board needs to be able to call emergency meetings while still being in compliance with the Open Meetings and Records Law, commonly known as the Sunshine Law.

Testifying for the bill was Senator Justus.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.