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## Department of Education

**Bill Number:** Senate Bill 920

**Bill Title:** Cosmetology

**Bill Sponsor:** Senators Wise and Lynn

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2008, with the exception of the appropriation which takes effect July 1, 2007

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### Executive Summary:

The act redefines the practice of cosmetology to include hair technician services, esthetician services, and nail technician services and permits a person to obtain a license as a hair technician, esthetician, or nail technician. The act provides definitions for the services that each class of license may perform.

The minimum required education hours for licensure as a cosmetologist increases from 1,200 to 1,800 hours. The minimum education requirement for a hair technician license is now 1,000 minimum hours instead of the 1,200 hours. The minimum number of required hours for an esthetician increases from 260 to 600, and the minimum number of required hours for a nail technician increases from 240 to 350. The term "esthetician" relates to non-medical, cosmetic facial services. All current cosmetologists and registration specialties are grandfathered for continued practice.

The act also provides the following requirements on the practice of cosmetology:

- Requires that applicants be at least 16 years of age or have a high school degree, a general equivalency diploma, or have passed an ability-to-benefit test approved by the United States Secretary of Education
- Permits licensure by endorsement of current active out-of-country cosmetology licenses, provided that the out-of-country qualifications are substantially similar to, equivalent to, or greater than the qualifications required of Florida applicants

The act provides for cosmetology internships that are optional NOT mandatory. The purpose of the internship is to allow students to get "real world" salon experience in very specific situations and with specific limitations. Cosmetology internships will be provided through cosmetology schools and programs. The act establishes the conditions and rights applicable to cosmetology schools or programs. The student's cosmetology school is responsible for the selection and placement of the intern, determining whether a student is eligible to become a cosmetology intern, and whether an internship sponsor meets the requirements for its educational objectives. The cosmetology intern must be supervised by a licensed cosmetologist in a licensed salon. The cosmetology intern may only practice within the field of cosmetology in which he or she is engaged in the course of study.

### General Implementation Timeline:

- Funds appropriated from the Administrative Trust Fund of the Department of Business and Professional Regulation to carry out the central-service administrative support functions related to licensing of this act shall take effect July 1, 2007.

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- The enactment date is July 1, 2008 to allow the Department of Business and Professional Regulations to develop new licensure exams, forms, rules and procedures and it allows the schools time to develop new curriculum to conform to new law.
- New licensees after the enactment date of the bill (July 2008) will be required to adhere to the new training requirements and licensure exams.