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## Health Care & Wellness Committee

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### SB 5817

**Brief Description:** Concerning senior students in accredited schools of chiropractic.

**Sponsors:** Senators Rivers, Cleveland, Walsh, Randall, Schoesler and Short.

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| <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Brief Summary of Bill</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Allows a senior student in an accredited school of chiropractic to perform chiropractic adjustments.</li></ul> |
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**Hearing Date:** 3/15/19

**Staff:** Jim Morishima (786-7191).

**Background:**

Chiropractic is a health care practice involving the diagnosis, analysis, care, and treatment of the vertebral subluxation complex and its effects, articular dysfunction, and musculoskeletal disorders, all for the restoration and maintenance of health and recognizing the recuperative powers of the body. To be a licensed chiropractor, an applicant must:

- graduate from an accredited chiropractic school;
- show satisfactory evidence of a resident course of study of at least 4,000 hours of instruction;
- be of good moral character; and
- pass an examination.

A person may practice chiropractic without a license for specified reasons, including when the person is a regular senior student in an accredited school of chiropractic approved by the Chiropractic Quality Assurance Commission (CQAC) if the practice is part of a regular course of instruction offered by the school and the student is under the direct supervision and control of a licensed chiropractor. Such a student may not, however, administer chiropractic adjustments.

**Summary of Bill:**

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A regular senior student in an accredited school of chiropractic approved by the CQAC may administer chiropractic adjustments if:

- the practice is part of the regular course of instruction offered by the school;
- the student is under the direct supervision and control of a licensed chiropractor; and
- the student passed an open-book written jurisprudence examination approved by the CQAC.

**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Requested on March 11, 2019.

**Effective Date:** The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of the session in which the bill is passed.