

OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH  
PUBLIC ACT SUMMARY



**PA 24-53—SB 178**

*Public Health Committee*

**AN ACT REQUIRING THE EDUCATION AND TRAINING OF BARBERS,  
HAIRDRESSERS AND COSMETICIANS TO INCLUDE WORKING WITH  
TEXTURED HAIR**

**SUMMARY:** This act requires the Department of Public Health (DPH) commissioner, in consultation with the Connecticut Examining Board for Barbers, Hairdressers and Cosmeticians, to amend the curriculum requirements for barber schools and hairdressing and cosmetology schools to include education and training in providing services to people with textured hair (i.e., coiled, curly, or wavy hair). This must include working with various curl and wave patterns, hair strand thicknesses, and hair volumes. For the barber school curriculum only, the amendment must occur through DPH regulations.

By law, DPH, in consultation with the board, (1) must adopt regulations setting the minimum curriculum requirements for barber schools but (2) under specified procedures, may adopt the curriculum while in the process of adopting regulations. DPH, in consultation with the board, must adopt the curriculum for hairdressing and cosmetology schools and post it on the department's website.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2024