

THE FLORIDA SENATE  
2013 SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION PASSED  
**Committee on Regulated Industries**

**CS/SB 1398 — Real Estate Appraisers**

by Judiciary Committee and Senator Hukill

The bill relates to the education requirement for an appraiser license issued by the Florida Real Estate Appraisal Board (board) within the Division of Real Estate of the Department of Business and Professional Regulation. The bill requires that all academic education courses must be completed through in-person classroom instruction or distance learning. Current law does not permit an applicant to meet required classroom hours through distance learning.

The board is required to prescribe by rule the education and experience requirements that meet or exceed the criteria adopted by the federal Appraisal Qualifications Board on December 9, 2011. It allows the board to approve distance learning courses as an alternative to classroom courses. An independent certifying organization authorized by the board must approve the delivery method for distance learning courses. The final examination for a distance learning course must be a written closed-book final examination.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect July 1, 2013.

*Vote: Senate 37-0; House 119-0*