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ATTORNEY GENERAL OPINION NO. 78- 380

Mr. Henri Fournier
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Kansas State Board of Cosmetology
630 Kansas Avenue
Topeka, Kansas 66603

Re: Cosmetologists--Schools--Hours of Instruction

Synopsis: The requirements of one thousand five hundred (1,500) hours of instruction and practice, covering a period of nine months of continuous training for full-time students in licensed cosmetology schools, pursuant to K.S.A. 1977 Supp. 65-1903(b), are minimum requirements that must be met independently.

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Dear Mr. Fournier:

You inquire as to the required periods of instruction that cosmetology schools, licensed by the Kansas State Board of Cosmetology, must provide their full-time students, pursuant to K.S.A. 1977 Supp. 65-1903.

K.S.A. 1977 Supp. 65-1903(b) provides in pertinent part:

"Each school licensed under this section . . . shall provide a course of training requiring not less than one thousand five hundred (1,500) hours of instruction and practice in preparation for the profession of cosmetology covering a period of nine

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(9) months of continuous training for full-time students."

You state that with the variance of holidays within an enrollment period students receive varying amounts of instruction, with some students receiving more than one thousand five hundred (1,500) hours instruction within the nine months' continuous training period.

The one thousand five hundred (1,500) hours of instruction and practice requirement is a minimum, as is the nine months' training requirement. Both requirements must be fulfilled separately to meet the requirements of K.S.A. 1977 Supp. 65-1903(b).

The minimum hour requirement uses the phrase "not less than" and thus indicates that full-time students may actually receive different actual numbers of hours of instruction and practice. The course of training "shall" cover a continuous period of nine months and longer periods of training may be necessary to fulfill the one thousand five hundred (1,500) hours of instruction requirement.

Very truly yours,



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