



COMMITTEE REPORT

MADAM PRESIDENT:

The Senate Committee on Pensions and Labor, to which was referred House Bill No. 1138, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that said bill be AMENDED as follows:

- 1 Page 8, between lines 13 and 14, begin a new paragraph and insert:
2 "SECTION 14. IC 25-17.6-5-5, AS ADDED BY P.L.108-2022,
3 SECTION 11, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
4 JULY 1, 2024]: Sec. 5. (a) Before July 1, 2024, the board shall adopt
5 rules in accordance with IC 25-1-4 to:
6 (1) require a licensed professional geologist to obtain continuing
7 education in geological sciences as a condition of license renewal;
8 and
9 (2) set forth the conditions, requirements, and implementation of
10 the continuing education program.
11 (b) The continuing education requirements adopted under this
12 section must allow a licensed professional geologist to receive full
13 credit for continuing education courses completed in a state other than
14 Indiana.
15 (c) ~~The continuing education requirements adopted under this~~
16 ~~section do not apply to a licensed professional geologist until after the~~
17 ~~first full license renewal cycle beginning one (1) year after final~~
18 ~~adoption of the rules under this section. In order to renew a license~~
19 **after June 30, 2025, a professional geologist must comply with the**

1 **continuing education requirements adopted under this section.**

2 (d) The continuing education requirements adopted under this
3 section do not apply to a person who is not licensed under this article.

4 SECTION 15. IC 25-23.6-5-3.5, AS AMENDED BY
5 P.L.215-2018(ss), SECTION 12, IS AMENDED TO READ AS
6 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024]: Sec. 3.5. **(a) For purposes
7 of this section, "virtual supervision" means supervision of an
8 applicant for a license as a clinical social worker by a qualified
9 supervisor through an electronic platform that provides for
10 synchronous visual and audio interaction in real time, and which
11 is compliant with the federal Health Insurance Portability and
12 Accountability Act (HIPAA). Virtual supervision does not include
13 telephone calls, electronic mail, or text messages.**

14 ~~(a)~~ **(b)** The applicant for a license as a clinical social worker must
15 have at least two (2) years of clinical social work experience after
16 receiving a graduate degree in social work and under the supervision
17 of a qualified supervisor as determined by the board.

18 ~~(b)~~ **(c)** If an individual is obtaining the clinical social work
19 experience described in subsection ~~(a)~~ **(b)** in Indiana, the individual
20 must be licensed as a social worker under section 1 of this chapter.

21 ~~(c)~~ **(d)** A doctoral internship may be applied toward the supervised
22 clinical social work experience requirement.

23 ~~(d)~~ **(e)** Except as provided in subsection ~~(c)~~ **(f)**, the clinical social
24 work experience requirement may be met by work performed at or
25 away from the premises of the qualified supervisor.

26 ~~(e)~~ **(f)** Except as provided in subsection ~~(d)~~ **(h)**, the clinical social
27 work requirement may not be performed away from the qualified
28 supervisor's premises if:

29 (1) the work is the independent private practice of clinical social
30 work; and

31 (2) the work is not performed at a place with the supervision of a
32 qualified supervisor available.

33 ~~(f)~~ **(g)** Any supervised clinical social work experience hours that an
34 applicant accumulates under this chapter after being licensed as a
35 social worker under section 1 of this chapter do not expire and may be
36 used by the applicant to satisfy the supervised clinical social work
37 experience requirements under this chapter.

38 ~~(g)~~ **(h)** Up to ~~fifty percent (50%)~~ **one hundred percent (100%)** of

1 the supervised clinical social work experience hours required under
2 subsection ~~(a)~~ (b) may be accounted for through virtual supervision by
3 a qualified supervisor described in subsection ~~(a)~~: (b).

4 ~~(h)~~ (i) After obtaining a temporary permit under section 11.5 of this
5 chapter, any supervised clinical social work experience hours that an
6 applicant accumulates under this chapter before the temporary permit
7 expires may be used by the applicant to satisfy the supervised clinical
8 social work experience requirements under this chapter during the
9 following time after the applicant obtained the temporary permit:

- 10 (1) For not more than four (4) years.
- 11 (2) After the four (4) year period, if approved by the board."

12 Page 8, between lines 38 and 39, begin a new paragraph and insert:
13 "SECTION 17. IC 25-23.6-8-2.7, AS AMENDED BY
14 P.L.160-2018, SECTION 3, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
15 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024]: Sec. 2.7. (a) As used in this section,
16 "first available examination" means the first examination after the date
17 of:

- 18 (1) graduation; or
 - 19 (2) moving into Indiana;
- 20 that has an application deadline that is at least thirty (30) days after the
21 date of graduation or the date of moving into Indiana, unless the
22 individual chooses to meet a deadline that is less than thirty (30) days
23 after either of those events.

24 (b) An applicant for a license as a marriage and family therapist
25 under section 1 of this chapter must have at least two (2) years of
26 postdegree clinical experience, during which at least fifty percent
27 (50%) of the applicant's clients were receiving marriage and family
28 therapy services. The applicant's clinical experience must include one
29 thousand (1,000) hours of postdegree clinical experience and two
30 hundred (200) hours of postdegree clinical supervision, of which one
31 hundred (100) hours must be individual supervision, under the
32 supervision of a licensed marriage and family therapist who has at least
33 five (5) years of experience or an equivalent supervisor, as determined
34 by the board.

35 (c) If an individual applies for, takes, and passes the first available
36 examination, the individual may not count more than five hundred
37 (500) hours of the postdegree clinical experience that is:

- 38 (1) required under subsection (b); and

- 1 (2) accumulated before taking the examination toward licensure
2 as a marriage and family therapist.
- 3 (d) If an individual does not pass the first available examination, the
4 individual may:
- 5 (1) retain the hours accumulated before taking the examination;
6 (2) continue working; and
7 (3) not accumulate any additional hours toward licensure as a
8 marriage and family therapist until passing the examination.
- 9 (e) If an individual does not take the first available examination, the
10 individual may not begin accumulating any postdegree clinical
11 experience hours toward licensure as a marriage and family therapist
12 until the individual passes the examination.
- 13 (f) When obtaining the clinical experience required under
14 subsection (b), the applicant must provide direct individual, group, and
15 family therapy and counseling to the following categories of cases:
- 16 (1) ~~Unmarried couples;~~ **romantic relationships and relational**
17 **systems.**
18 (2) Married couples.
19 (3) Separating or divorcing couples.
20 (4) Family ~~groups;~~ **systems and groupings,** including children
21 **and minors.**
- 22 (g) A doctoral internship may be applied toward the supervised
23 work experience requirement.
- 24 (h) Except as provided in subsection (i), the experience requirement
25 may be met by work performed at or away from the premises of the
26 supervising marriage and family therapist.
- 27 (i) Except as provided in subsection (j), the work requirement may
28 not be performed away from the supervising marriage and family
29 therapist's premises if:
- 30 (1) the work is the independent private practice of marriage and
31 family therapy; and
32 (2) the work is not performed at a place that has the supervision
33 of a licensed marriage and family therapist or an equivalent
34 supervisor, as determined by the board.
- 35 (j) Up to ~~fifty percent (50%)~~ **one hundred percent (100%)** of the
36 supervised postdegree clinical experience hours required under
37 subsection (b) may be accounted for through virtual supervision by a
38 licensed marriage and family therapist or equivalent supervisor

1 described in subsection (b).

2 SECTION 18. IC 25-23.6-8-3, AS AMENDED BY P.L.10-2019,
3 SECTION 112, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
4 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024]: Sec. 3. **(a) As used in this section,**
5 **"term" refers to an academic semester, trimester, or quarter.**

6 **(b)** An individual who satisfies the requirements of section 1.5(a)(1)
7 through 1.5(a)(4) of this chapter may take the examination provided by
8 the board.

9 **(c) An individual who:**

10 **(1) is enrolled in the last term of the last year of a program**
11 **leading to a degree that meets the requirements of section**
12 **1.5(a)(1) of this chapter; and**

13 **(2) provides a letter of good standing from the director of the**
14 **marriage and family therapy department or the director's**
15 **designee;**

16 **may take the examination provided by the board for a license as a**
17 **marriage and family therapist associate.**

18 **(d) A letter of good standing provided under subsection (c)(2) by**
19 **an individual who applies for a license as a marriage and family**
20 **therapist associate must include the following information:**

21 **(1) The individual's first and last name.**

22 **(2) The type of degree and program in which the individual is**
23 **enrolled.**

24 **(3) A statement confirming that the individual is currently in**
25 **the final term of the program.**

26 **(4) The anticipated date of completion of the program.**

27 **(5) A statement confirming that the individual is in good**
28 **academic standing.**

29 SECTION 19. IC 25-23.6-8.5-5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.84-2010,
30 SECTION 64, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
31 JULY 1, 2024]: Sec. 5. **(a) As used in this section, "term" refers to**
32 **an academic semester, trimester, or quarter.**

33 **(b)** An individual who satisfies the requirements of:

34 **(1) section 1 or 1.5 of this chapter; and**

35 **(2) section 2 of this chapter;**

36 **may take the examination provided by the board.**

37 **(c) An individual who:**

38 **(1) is enrolled in the last term of the last year of a program**

1 leading to a degree that meets the requirements of section
 2 1.5(a)(1) of this chapter; and
 3 (2) provides a letter of good standing from the director of the
 4 mental health counselor department or the director's
 5 designee;

6 may take the examination provided by the board for a license as a
 7 mental health counselor associate.

8 (d) A letter of good standing provided under subsection (c)(2) by
 9 an individual who applies for a license as a mental health counselor
 10 associate must include the following information:

- 11 (1) The individual's first and last name.
- 12 (2) The type of degree and program in which the individual is
 13 enrolled.
- 14 (3) A statement confirming that the individual is currently in
 15 the final term of the program.
- 16 (4) The anticipated date of completion of the program.
- 17 (5) A statement confirming that the individual is in good
 18 academic standing.

19 SECTION 20. IC 25-23.6-10.5-9, AS ADDED BY P.L.122-2009,
 20 SECTION 29, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 21 JULY 1, 2024]: Sec. 9. (a) As used in this section, "term" refers to
 22 an academic semester, trimester, or quarter.

23 ~~(a)~~ (b) An individual who satisfies the requirements of sections 4,
 24 6, and 8 of this chapter may take the licensed clinical addiction
 25 counselor examination established by the board.

26 ~~(b)~~ (c) An individual who satisfies the requirements of sections 3,
 27 5, and 7 of this chapter may take the licensed addiction counselor
 28 examination established by the board.

29 (d) An individual who:
 30 (1) is enrolled in the last term of the last year of a program
 31 leading to a degree that meets the requirements of section
 32 1.5(a)(1) of this chapter; and
 33 (2) provides a letter of good standing from the director of the
 34 addiction counselor department or the director's designee;
 35 may take the examination provided by the board for a license as an
 36 addiction counselor associate.

37 (e) A letter of good standing provided under subsection (d)(2) by
 38 an individual who applies for a license as an addiction counselor

- 1 **associate must include the following information:**
- 2 **(1) The individual's first and last name.**
- 3 **(2) The type of degree and program in which the individual is**
- 4 **enrolled.**
- 5 **(3) A statement confirming that the individual is currently in**
- 6 **the final term of the program.**
- 7 **(4) The anticipated date of completion of the program.**
- 8 **(5) A statement confirming that the individual is in good**
- 9 **academic standing."**
- 10 Renumber all SECTIONS consecutively.
(Reference is to HB 1138 as printed January 25, 2024.)

and when so amended that said bill do pass.

Committee Vote: Yeas 10, Nays 0.

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Chairperson