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SENATE BILL No. 226

DIGEST OF SB 226 (Updated January 26, 2022 1:12 pm - DI 133)

Citations Affected: IC 25-23.6.

Synopsis: Marriage and family therapists. Decreases the number of experiential practice hours required to obtain a license as a marriage and family therapist or a therapist associate. Specifies that the hours must be completed during at least 12 months.

Effective: July 1, 2022.

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January 6, 2022, read first time and referred to Committee on Health and Provider Services.
January 27, 2022, reported favorably — Do Pass.

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PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2021 Regular Session of the General Assembly.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning professions and occupations.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 25-23.6-8-2.5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.49-2019,
2 SECTION 5, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3 JULY 1, 2022]: Sec. 2.5. (a) An applicant for a license as a marriage
4 and family therapist under section 1 of this chapter or an applicant for
5 a license as a marriage and family therapist associate under section 1.5
6 of this chapter must complete the following educational requirements:
7 (1) Except as provided in subsection (b), complete twenty-seven
8 (27) semester hours or forty-one (41) quarter hours of graduate
9 course work that must include graduate level course credits with
10 material in at least the following content areas:
11 (A) Theoretical foundations of marriage and family therapy.
12 (B) Major models of marriage and family therapy.
13 (C) Individual development.
14 (D) Family development and family relationships.
15 (E) Clinical problems.
16 (F) Collaboration with other disciplines.
17 (G) Sexuality.

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- 1 (H) Gender and sexual orientation.
 2 (I) Issues of ethnicity, race, socioeconomic status, and culture.
 3 (J) Therapy techniques.
 4 (K) Behavioral research that focuses on the interpretation and
 5 application of research data as it applies to clinical practice.
 6 The content areas may be combined into any one (1) graduate
 7 level course, if the applicant can prove that the course work was
 8 devoted to each content area.
 9 (2) Not less than one (1) graduate level course of two (2) semester
 10 hours or three (3) quarter hours in the following areas:
 11 (A) Legal, ethical, and professional standards issues in the
 12 practice of marriage and family therapy or an equivalent
 13 course approved by the board.
 14 (B) Appraisal and assessment for individual or interpersonal
 15 disorder or dysfunction.
 16 (3) At least one (1) supervised clinical practicum, internship, or
 17 field experience in a marriage and family counseling setting that
 18 meets the following requirements:
 19 (A) The applicant provided, ~~five hundred (500) hours of~~
 20 ~~marriage and family therapy services, including at least four~~
 21 **during at least twelve (12) months of clinical practice, at**
 22 **least three hundred (300)** ~~(400)~~ ~~(300)~~ face to face client contact
 23 hours, of which at least ~~two one hundred (200)~~ ~~(100)~~ **(100)** hours
 24 must be relational, under the supervision of a licensed
 25 marriage and family therapist who has at least five (5) years of
 26 experience or a qualified supervisor approved by the board.
 27 (B) The applicant received one hundred (100) hours of
 28 supervision from a licensed marriage and family therapist who
 29 has at least five (5) years experience as a qualified supervisor.
 30 The requirements under clauses (A) and (B) may be met by a
 31 supervised practice experience that took place away from an
 32 institution of higher education but that is certified by an official
 33 of the eligible postsecondary educational institution as being
 34 equivalent to a graduate level practicum or internship program at
 35 an institution accredited by an accrediting agency approved by the
 36 United States Department of Education Commission on
 37 Recognition of Postsecondary Education, the Association of
 38 Universities and Colleges of Canada, or the Commission on
 39 Accreditation for Marriage and Family Therapy Education.
 40 (b) The following graduate work may not be used to satisfy the
 41 content area requirements under subsection (a):
 42 (1) Thesis or dissertation work.



- 1 (2) Practicums, internships, or fieldwork.



COMMITTEE REPORT

Madam President: The Senate Committee on Health and Provider Services, to which was referred Senate Bill No. 226, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that said bill DO PASS.

(Reference is to SB 226 as introduced.)

CHARBONNEAU, Chairperson

Committee Vote: Yeas 12, Nays 0

