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## SENATE ENROLLED ACT No. 527

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

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

SECTION 1. IC 25-23.6-4-2, AS AMENDED BY P.L.192-2017, SECTION 4, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019]: Sec. 2. (a) This article may not be construed to limit the social work or clinical social work services performed by a person who does not use a title specified in this article and who is one (1) of the following:

- (1) A licensed or certified health care professional acting within the scope of the person's license or certificate.
- (2) A student, an intern, or a trainee pursuing a course of study in medicine, psychology, or a course of study to gain licensure under this article in an accredited eligible postsecondary educational institution or training institution accredited by the Council on Social Work Education, or a graduate accumulating experience required for licensure if:
  - (A) the services are performed under qualified supervision and constitute a part of the person's supervised course of study or other level of supervision; and
  - (B) the student or graduate uses a title that contains the term "intern", "student", or "trainee".
- (3) Not a resident of Indiana if the person performed social work in Indiana for not more than five (5) days in any one (1) month or

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more than fifteen (15) days in any one (1) calendar year and the person is authorized to perform such services under the laws of the state or country in which the person resides.

(4) A rabbi, priest, Christian Science practitioner, minister, or other member of the clergy.

(5) An employee or a volunteer for an organization performing charitable, religious, or educational functions, providing pastoral counseling, or other assistance.

(6) A person who provides school counseling.

(7) A governmental employee (as defined in IC 25-23.6-1-3.9).

(8) An individual providing services under a contract with the department of child services who:

(A) is employed by an organization that is nationally accredited and in good standing by the Joint Commission, Council on Accreditation, or the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities;

(B) is directly supervised by a licensed individual who is:

(i) licensed under IC 25-23.6-2, as a social worker, clinical social worker, mental health counselor, mental health counselor associate, marriage and family therapist, or marriage and family therapist associate, and acting within the scope of the individual's license;

(ii) licensed as a psychologist under IC 25-33 and acting within the scope of the individual's license; or

(iii) licensed as a physician under IC 25-22.5 who is actively engaged in the practice of psychiatry and acting within the scope of the individual's license; and

(C) meets any additional requirements established by the department of child services.

**(9) An individual providing services under a contract with the department of child services who:**

**(A) has completed a bachelor's degree in social work from:**

**(i) an eligible postsecondary educational institution that is accredited or approved for candidacy by the Council on Social Work Education or approved by the behavioral health and human services licensing board; or**

**(ii) a foreign school that has a program of study that is approved by the Foreign Equivalency Determination Service of the Council on Social Work Education; and**

**(B) is employed in a position for which the department of child services has specified that the job may be filled by individuals who have completed a bachelor-level degree in**



**social work or other human services fields but do not need to be licensed.**

(b) Nothing in this section prohibits a person referred to in subsection (a) from qualifying for licensure under this article.

SECTION 2. IC 25-23.6-5-11.5, AS ADDED BY P.L.195-2018, SECTION 13, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019]: Sec. 11.5. **(a)** The board shall issue a temporary permit to practice social work to an individual who:

- (1) meets the educational requirements for a license as a social worker; and
- (2) pays a fee for the temporary permit set by the board.

**(b) The board shall issue a temporary permit to practice bachelor's degree social work to an individual who:**

- (1) meets the educational requirements for a license as a bachelor's degree social worker; and**
- (2) pays a fee for the temporary permit set by the board.**

(c) A temporary permit issued under this section expires one (1) year after the date the permit is issued, without regard to the number of times the individual passes or fails the required examination to become a licensed social worker **or a licensed bachelor's degree social worker**. The temporary permit may not be renewed.

SECTION 3. [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019] **(a) Before October 2, 2019, the department of child services shall prepare and submit a report to the general assembly in an electronic format under IC 5-14-6 that includes the following:**

- (1) Details concerning the department's progress in collaborating with providers that are subject to audits to:**
  - (A) streamline and improve efficiencies in the audit process; and**
  - (B) identify potential outcome measurements.**

**(2) A plan for streamlining the auditing process for accredited and non-accredited providers.**

**(b) The department of child services shall implement the plan described in subsection (a)(2) not later than July 1, 2020.**

**(c) This SECTION expires December 31, 2020.**



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President of the Senate

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President Pro Tempore

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Speaker of the House of Representatives

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Governor of the State of Indiana

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