



State of Tennessee

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 173

SENATE BILL NO. 953

By Walley

Substituted for: House Bill No. 690

By Brock Martin, Hazlewood, Powell

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4 and Title 63, Chapter 11, relative to psychologist licensure.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-11-208(d)(1)(A), is amended by deleting "of no less than one thousand nine hundred (1,900) hours in psychology".

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-11-208, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection:

(f)(1) Notwithstanding subsection (d), the board may designate as a health service provider, a person who has held a valid license or certificate in another state to practice psychology for at least ten (10) years within the last fifteen (15) years preceding the date of application and whose previous license or certification:

(A) Required training that is generally equivalent to the following licensing standards in this chapter:

(i) A doctoral degree in psychology;

(ii) One (1) year of internship in an organized integrated training program at a site delivering health services; and

(iii) One (1) year of postdoctoral training delivering health services;

(B) Has never been the subject of disciplinary action; and

(C) Allowed the licensee to engage in practice as a health service provider in psychology in the other state.

(2) In order to effectuate the purposes of subdivision (f)(1), the board is authorized to promulgate emergency rules pursuant to § 4-5-208(a)(5). The rules must be promulgated in accordance with the Uniform Administrative Procedures Act, compiled in title 4, chapter 5.

SECTION 3. For the purpose of promulgating rules, this act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it. For all other purposes, this act takes effect January 1, 2024, the public welfare requiring it.

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PASSED: March 30, 2023



RANDY McNALLY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE



CAMERON SEXTON, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 17th day of April 2023



BILL LEE, GOVERNOR