

HB 702 -- Social Workers

Sponsor: Behnen

This bill changes the laws regarding the practice of social work.  
The bill:

- (1) Requires applicants for licensure as clinical social workers to complete 3,000 hours of supervised clinical experience under a licensed clinical social worker within a specified period of time;
- (2) Removes the requirement that licensed clinical social workers applying for a Missouri license pass an examination on Missouri laws and regulations governing the practice of social work and be a member in good standing of the Academy of Certified Social Workers;
- (3) Authorizes the State Committee for Social Workers to require a minimum of 30 hours of continuing education for license renewal;
- (4) Requires the committee to establish ethical standards based on the code of ethics of the National Association of Social Workers; and
- (5) Clarifies the practice of baccalaureate social work.