

HB 1792 -- Licensed Professional Counselors

Sponsor: Cooper (155)

This bill defines "assessment," "consulting," "counseling treatment interventions," "diagnosis," "referral," and "research" as they relate to licensed professional counselors.

The definition of "practice of professional counseling" is revised to include individual, group, marriage, and family counseling and psychotherapy; assessment; crisis intervention; diagnosis and treatment of persons with mental disorders; guidance and consultation to facilitate more effective intrapersonal, educational, and vocational development; utilization of functional assessment; consulting; research; and referral. Restrictions are placed on these practices to apply to those persons appropriately trained who are licensed as a professional counselor or under a licensed professional counselor's supervision.

Any person licensed, applying for licensure, or certain individuals under approved supervision must have completed acceptable education and training as specified by the Committee for Professional Counselors.