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HOUSE BILL NO. 1083

98TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE LEARA.

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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To repeal sections 337.025, 337.029, and 337.033, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof three new sections relating to the licensure of psychologists.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Sections 337.025, 337.029, and 337.033, RSMo, are repealed and three new sections enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections 337.025, 337.029, and 337.033, to read as follows:

337.025. 1. The provisions of this section shall govern the education and experience requirements for initial licensure as a psychologist for the following persons:

(1) A person who has not matriculated in a graduate degree program which is primarily psychological in nature on or before August 28, 1990; and

(2) A person who is matriculated after August 28, 1990, in a graduate degree program designed to train professional psychologists.

2. Each applicant shall submit satisfactory evidence to the committee that the applicant has received a doctoral degree in psychology from a recognized educational institution, and has had at least one year of satisfactory supervised professional experience in the field of psychology.

3. A doctoral degree in psychology is defined as:

(1) A program accredited, or provisionally accredited, by the American Psychological Association **or the Psychological Clinical Science Accreditation System**; or

(2) A program designated or approved, including provisional approval, by the American Association of State Psychology Boards or the Council for the National Register of Health Service Providers in Psychology, or both; or

(3) A graduate program that meets all of the following criteria:

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

- 17 (a) The program, wherever it may be administratively housed, shall be clearly identified
18 and labeled as a psychology program. Such a program shall specify in pertinent institutional
19 catalogues and brochures its intent to educate and train professional psychologists;
- 20 (b) The psychology program shall stand as a recognizable, coherent organizational entity
21 within the institution of higher education;
- 22 (c) There shall be a clear authority and primary responsibility for the core and specialty
23 areas whether or not the program cuts across administrative lines;
- 24 (d) The program shall be an integrated, organized, sequence of study;
- 25 (e) There shall be an identifiable psychology faculty and a psychologist responsible for
26 the program;
- 27 (f) The program shall have an identifiable body of students who are matriculated in that
28 program for a degree;
- 29 (g) The program shall include a supervised practicum, internship, field, or laboratory
30 training appropriate to the practice of psychology;
- 31 (h) The curriculum shall encompass a minimum of three academic years of full-time
32 graduate study, with a minimum of one year's residency at the educational institution granting
33 the doctoral degree; and
- 34 (i) Require the completion by the applicant of a core program in psychology which shall
35 be met by the completion and award of at least one three-semester-hour graduate credit course
36 or a combination of graduate credit courses totaling three semester hours or five quarter hours
37 in each of the following areas:
- 38 a. The biological bases of behavior such as courses in: physiological psychology,
39 comparative psychology, neuropsychology, sensation and perception, psychopharmacology;
- 40 b. The cognitive-affective bases of behavior such as courses in: learning, thinking,
41 motivation, emotion, and cognitive psychology;
- 42 c. The social bases of behavior such as courses in: social psychology, group
43 processes/dynamics, interpersonal relationships, and organizational and systems theory;
- 44 d. Individual differences such as courses in: personality theory, human development,
45 abnormal psychology, developmental psychology, child psychology, adolescent psychology,
46 psychology of aging, and theories of personality;
- 47 e. The scientific methods and procedures of understanding, predicting and influencing
48 human behavior such as courses in: statistics, experimental design, psychometrics, individual
49 testing, group testing, and research design and methodology.
- 50 4. Acceptable supervised professional experience shall consist of a minimum of fifteen
51 hundred hours of professional experience obtained in not less than twelve nor more than
52 twenty-four consecutive calendar months. In no case shall this experience be accumulated at a

53 rate of less than twenty hours per week nor more than fifty hours per week. Postdoctoral
54 supervised professional experience for prospective health service providers shall involve and
55 relate to the delivery of psychological health services. Postdoctoral supervised professional
56 experience for other applicants shall be in accordance with professional requirements and
57 relevant to the applicant's intended area of practice.

58 5. Postdoctoral experience for those applicants who intend to seek health service
59 provider certification and who have completed a program in one or more of the American
60 Psychological Association designated health service provider delivery areas shall be obtained
61 under the primary supervision of a licensed psychologist who is also a health service provider
62 or who otherwise meets the requirements for health service provider certification. Postdoctoral
63 experience for those applicants who do not intend to seek health service provider certification
64 shall be obtained under the primary supervision of a licensed psychologist or such other qualified
65 mental health professional approved by the committee.

66 6. The psychological activities of the applicant shall be performed pursuant to the
67 primary supervisor's order, control, and full professional responsibility. The primary supervisor
68 shall maintain a continuing relationship with the applicant and shall meet with the applicant a
69 minimum of one hour per month in face-to-face individual supervision. Clinical supervision
70 may be delegated by the primary supervisor to one or more secondary supervisors who are
71 qualified psychologists. The secondary supervisors shall retain order, control and full
72 professional responsibility for the applicant's clinical work under their supervision and shall meet
73 with the applicant a minimum of one hour per week in face-to-face individual supervision. If
74 the primary supervisor is also the clinical supervisor, meetings shall be a minimum of one hour
75 per week. Group supervision shall not be acceptable for supervised professional experience.
76 The primary supervisor shall certify to the committee that the applicant has complied with these
77 requirements and that the applicant has demonstrated ethical and competent practice of
78 psychology. The changing by an agency of the primary supervisor during the course of the
79 supervised experience shall not invalidate the supervised experience.

80 7. The committee by rule shall provide procedures for exceptions and variances from the
81 requirements for once a week face-to-face supervision due to vacations, illness, pregnancy, and
82 other good causes.

337.029. 1. A psychologist licensed in another jurisdiction who has had no violations
2 and no suspensions and no revocation of a license to practice psychology in any jurisdiction may
3 receive a license in Missouri, provided the psychologist passes a written examination on
4 Missouri laws and regulations governing the practice of psychology and meets one of the
5 following criteria:

6 (1) Is a diplomate of the American Board of Professional Psychology;

7 (2) Is a member of the National Register of Health Service Providers in Psychology;

8 (3) Is currently licensed or certified as a psychologist in another jurisdiction who is then
9 a signatory to the Association of State and Provincial Psychology Board's reciprocity agreement;

10 (4) Is currently licensed or certified as a psychologist in another state, territory of the
11 United States, or the District of Columbia and:

12 (a) Has a doctoral degree in psychology from a program accredited, or provisionally
13 accredited, by the American Psychological Association **or the Psychological Clinical Science**
14 **Accreditation System**, or that meets the requirements as set forth in subdivision (3) of
15 subsection 3 of section 337.025;

16 (b) Has been licensed for the preceding five years; and

17 (c) Has had no disciplinary action taken against the license for the preceding five years;
18 or

19 (5) Holds a current certificate of professional qualification (CPQ) issued by the
20 Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards (ASPPB).

21 2. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection 1 of this section, applicants may be
22 required to pass an oral examination as adopted by the committee.

23 3. A psychologist who receives a license for the practice of psychology in the state of
24 Missouri on the basis of reciprocity as listed in subsection 1 of this section or by endorsement
25 of the score from the examination of professional practice in psychology score will also be
26 eligible for and shall receive certification from the committee as a health service provider if the
27 psychologist meets one or more of the following criteria:

28 (1) Is a diplomate of the American Board of Professional Psychology in one or more of
29 the specialties recognized by the American Board of Professional Psychology as pertaining to
30 health service delivery;

31 (2) Is a member of the National Register of Health Service Providers in Psychology; or

32 (3) Has completed or obtained through education, training, or experience the requisite
33 knowledge comparable to that which is required pursuant to section 337.033.

337.033. 1. A licensed psychologist shall limit his or her practice to demonstrated areas
2 of competence as documented by relevant professional education, training, and experience. A
3 psychologist trained in one area shall not practice in another area without obtaining additional
4 relevant professional education, training, and experience through an acceptable program of
5 respecialization.

6 2. A psychologist may not represent or hold himself or herself out as a state certified or
7 registered psychological health service provider unless the psychologist has first received the
8 psychologist health service provider certification from the committee; provided, however,
9 nothing in this section shall be construed to limit or prevent a licensed, whether temporary,

10 provisional or permanent, psychologist who does not hold a health service provider certificate
11 from providing psychological services so long as such services are consistent with subsection
12 1 of this section.

13 3. "Relevant professional education and training" for health service provider
14 certification, except those entitled to certification pursuant to subsection 5 or 6 of this section,
15 shall be defined as a licensed psychologist whose graduate psychology degree from a recognized
16 educational institution is in an area designated by the American Psychological Association as
17 pertaining to health service delivery or a psychologist who subsequent to receipt of his or her
18 graduate degree in psychology has either completed a respecialization program from a
19 recognized educational institution in one or more of the American Psychological Association
20 recognized clinical health service provider areas and who in addition has completed at least one
21 year of postdegree supervised experience in such clinical area or a psychologist who has obtained
22 comparable education and training acceptable to the committee through completion of
23 postdoctoral fellowships or otherwise.

24 4. The degree or respecialization program certificate shall be obtained from a recognized
25 program of graduate study in one or more of the health service delivery areas designated by the
26 American Psychological Association as pertaining to health service delivery, which shall meet
27 one of the criteria established by subdivisions (1) to (3) of this subsection:

28 (1) A doctoral degree or completion of a recognized respecialization program in one or
29 more of the American Psychological Association designated health service provider delivery
30 areas which is accredited, or provisionally accredited, by the American Psychological
31 Association **or the Psychological Clinical Science Accreditation System**; or

32 (2) A clinical or counseling psychology doctoral degree program or respecialization
33 program designated, or provisionally approved, by the Association of State and Provincial
34 Psychology Boards or the Council for the National Register of Health Service Providers in
35 Psychology, or both; or

36 (3) A doctoral degree or completion of a respecialization program in one or more of the
37 American Psychological Association designated health service provider delivery areas that meets
38 the following criteria:

39 (a) The program, wherever it may be administratively housed, shall be clearly identified
40 and labeled as being in one or more of the American Psychological Association designated health
41 service provider delivery areas;

42 (b) Such a program shall specify in pertinent institutional catalogues and brochures its
43 intent to educate and train professional psychologists in one or more of the American
44 Psychological Association designated health service provider delivery areas.

45 5. A person who is lawfully licensed as a psychologist pursuant to the provisions of this
46 chapter on August 28, 1989, or who has been approved to sit for examination prior to August 28,
47 1989, and who subsequently passes the examination shall be deemed to have met all
48 requirements for health service provider certification; provided, however, that such person shall
49 be governed by the provisions of subsection 1 of this section with respect to limitation of
50 practice.

51 6. Any person who is lawfully licensed as a psychologist in this state and who meets one
52 or more of the following criteria shall automatically, upon payment of the requisite fee, be
53 entitled to receive a health service provider certification from the committee:

54 (1) Is a diplomate of the American Board of Professional Psychology in one or more of
55 the specialties recognized by the American Board of Professional Psychology as pertaining to
56 health service delivery; or

57 (2) Is a member of the National Register of Health Service Providers in Psychology.

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