

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Garry Boston at 4:00 p.m. on April 4, 2001 in Room 423-S

All members were present except: Representative Lana Gordon, Excused
Representative Nancy Kirk, Excused
Representative Tricia Lightner, Excused
Representative Ray Merrick, Excused
Representative Dale Swenson, Excused

Committee staff present: Emalene Correll, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Norman Furse, Revisor of Statute's Office
Renaë Jefferies, Revisor of Statute's Office
June Evans, Secretary

The Chairperson stated the meeting was called to gut **HB 2372 - Certification of Behavior Analysts**, lines 13 through 28, insert two changes, and pass out of Committee. This is a technical clean-up, but important. This changes the wording "at least equivalent to or exceed" to "substantially the equivalent of" because of people moving in from out of state and having qualifications from out of state this language "equivalent to or exceeds" is not consistent with other language with the other professions and this makes the language the same. The only other change is in Section 2 to strike "or" and replace with "and". The Board is actually doing this now and this would put it in statute the way it is currently being done (See Attachment 1).

Representative Showalter asked if this was current law?

Chairperson Boston replied, yes, it is current law.

Julie Hein, stated they supported this legislation and this came from the Advisory Committee for the Marriage Family Therapists and the Behavior Sciences Regulatory Board supports. This is a clarification because it does not have "substantially" like the other professional groups. It is hard to say if something is equivalent to.

Representative Storm moved and Representative Showalter seconded to strike lines 13 through 28 on **HB 2372** and insert amendment (PAH2372j1). The motion carried

Representative Welshimer moved and Representative Long seconded to move **HB 2372** out favorably as amended. The motion carried.

The Chairperson stated this was hopefully the last meeting of the year and the minutes would be E-mailed for approval. The Chairperson thanked staff for their great work.

The meeting adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

Proposed Amendment to House Bill No. 2372

On page 1, by striking all in lines 13 through 28 and inserting:

"Section 1. K.S.A. 2000 Supp. 65-6406 is hereby amended to read as follows: 65-6406. The board shall issue a license to an individual who is currently registered, certified or licensed to practice marriage and family therapy in another jurisdiction if the board determines that the standards for registration, certification or licensure to practice marriage and family therapy in the other jurisdiction are ~~at-least-equivalent--to--or exceed~~ substantially the equivalent of the requirements of the marriage and family therapists licensure act and rules and regulations of the board. An applicant for a license under this section shall pay an application fee established by the board under K.S.A. 65-6411 and amendments thereto.

Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2000 Supp. 74-5310 is hereby amended to read as follows: 74-5310. (a) The board shall issue a license as a psychologist to any person who pays an application fee prescribed by the board, not in excess of \$150 and an original license fee not in excess of \$200, which shall not be refunded, who either satisfies the board as to such person's training and experience after a thorough review of such person's credentials ~~or~~ and who passes a satisfactory examination in psychology. Any person paying the fee must also submit evidence verified by oath and satisfactory to the board that such person: (1) Is at least 21

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years of age; (2) is of good moral character; (3) has received the doctor's degree based on a program of studies in content primarily psychological from an educational institution having a graduate program with standards consistent with those of the state universities of Kansas, or the substantial equivalent of such program in both subject matter and extent of training; and (4) has had at least two years of supervised experience, a significant portion of which shall have been spent in rendering psychological services satisfying the board's approved standards for the psychological service concerned.

(b) The board shall adopt rules and regulations establishing the criteria which an educational institution shall satisfy in meeting the requirements established under item (3) of subsection (a). The board may send a questionnaire developed by the board to any educational institution for which the board does not have sufficient information to determine whether the educational institution meets the requirements of item (3) of subsection (a) and rules and regulations adopted under this section. The questionnaire providing the necessary information shall be completed and returned to the board in order for the educational institution to be considered for approval. The board may contract with investigative agencies, commissions or consultants to assist the board in obtaining information about educational institutions. In entering such contracts the authority to approve educational institutions shall remain solely with the board.

Sec. 3. K.S.A. 2000 Supp. 65-6406 and 74-5310 are hereby

repealed.";

And by renumbering section 2 accordingly;

In the title, in line 9, by striking all after "ACT"; in line 10, by striking all before the period and inserting "concerning behavioral sciences; relating to marriage and family therapists and psychologists; amending K.S.A. 2000 Supp. 65-6406 and 74-5310 and repealing the existing sections";