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MINNESOTA'S BEHAVIOR ANALYST LICENSING BILL - KEY POINTS

HF 3741 and SF 3523

Why is this law needed?

This law will promote the safe and humane practice of behavioral psychology and human services in Minnesota.

Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) is a science-based practice that has led to dramatic improvements in human services and education over the past 60 years. Yet some providers still adhere to primitive practices.

The state of Minnesota does not have a license for ABA that consumers can use to tell whether their provider delivers ABA safely using modern practices.

Goals for this bill

Enable the state of Minnesota to enforce the safe use of effective ABA practices.

Empower the Minnesota Board of Psychology to identify who is a licensed behavior analyst for consumers.

Ensure that more Minnesotans will have access to safe, effective ABA services by growing the field of psychological practitioners.

Empower the state of Minnesota to better regulate coverage of Behavior Analysts in existing Medical Assistance and mandated health insurance plans.

Ensure reciprocity with other state licensing boards.

The Minnesota Board of Psychology will License Behavior Analysts

Based on the proven, nationally accredited Behavior Analyst Certification Board (BACB) used by 37 other states.

Master's level Board Certified Behavior Analysts (BCBAs) work directly with children in their homes and centers.

Bachelor's level Board Certified assistant Behavior Analysts (BCaBAs) work directly with children in the community.

Licensed Psychologists who meet the Board of Psychology's criteria for practicing ABA.

The Minnesota Board of Psychology Advisory Council of consumers and professionals will oversee ABA.

Minnesota Universities train behavior analysts to work in Minnesota schools, centers, and homes

St. Cloud State University; the University of Minnesota; Minnesota State University, Mankato; University of St. Thomas; and University of Minnesota, Duluth all offer courses and/or degrees in behavior analysis.

Who supports this bill?

The Minnesota Board of Psychology supports this bill.

The Minnesota Psychological Association (MPA) supports this bill.

The Autism Society of Minnesota (AuSM) supports this bill.

The Autism Treatment Association of Minnesota (ATAM) supports this bill.

The Minnesota Northland Association of Behavior Analysis (MNABA) supports this bill.

The American Medical Association identifies BCBAs as the providers of Adaptive Behavior Assessment and Treatment.

The American Academy of Pediatrics identifies BCBAs as the typical providers of ABA for children.

37 states already license behavior analysts, including all of Minnesota's neighboring states.