

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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C.S.S.B. 709  
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Committee Report (Substituted)

### **AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT**

C.S.S.B. 709 amends current law relating to the use of certain professional titles by psychologists.

### **RULEMAKING AUTHORITY**

Rulemaking authority previously granted to the Texas State Board of Examiners of Psychologists is modified in SECTION 1 (Section 501.156, Occupations Code) of this bill.

### **SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS**

SECTION 1. Amends Section 501.156(b), Occupations Code, to prohibit the Texas State Board of Examiners of Psychologists (TSBEP) from including in rules to prohibit false, misleading, or deceptive practices by a person regulated by TSBEP certain rules, including a rule that restricts the use of a title in advertising by a person who is permitted to use that title by law. Makes a nonsubstantive change.

SECTION 2. Amends Section 501.260, Occupations Code, by adding Subsection (d), to authorize a person who is licensed under this section and who holds a Nationally Certified School Psychologist credential to use the credential "Nationally Certified School Psychologist" and the title "Licensed Specialist in School Psychology."

SECTION 3. Effective date: September 1, 2011.