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H.B. No. 920

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the qualifications for counselors for battering
intervention and prevention programs in certain counties.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 5, Article 42.141, Code of Criminal
Procedure, is amended by adding Subsection (d) to read as follows:

(d) A person who provides direct battering intervention
counseling services to a batterer for a program located in a county
with a population of more than 50,000 must be licensed as a social
worker, professional counselor, marriage and family therapist, or
psychologist or a licensed physician who is board certified in
psychiatry.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect January 1, 2014.