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FLOOR AMENDMENT NO._____ BY: _____

Amend S.B. No. 202 (house committee report) as follows:

(1) On page 305, line 14, strike "DEREGULATION OF" and substitute "PROVISIONS AFFECTING".

(2) On page 324, line 20, strike "and".

(3) On page 324, line 21, strike the period and substitute the following:

; and

(11) Section 502.002(6).

(4) Add the following appropriately numbered SECTIONS to Article 3 of the bill and renumber subsequent SECTIONS of that article accordingly:

SECTION ____. Section 21.003(b), Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b) Except as otherwise provided by this subsection, a person may not be employed by a school district as an audiologist, occupational therapist, physical therapist, physician, nurse, school psychologist, associate school psychologist, licensed professional counselor, marriage and family therapist, social worker, or speech language pathologist unless the person is licensed by the state agency that licenses that profession and may perform specific services within those professions for a school district only if the person holds the appropriate credential from the appropriate state agency. As long as a person employed by a district before September 1, 2011, to perform marriage and family therapy under Chapter 502 [~~, as defined by Section 502.002~~], Occupations Code, is employed by the same district, the person is not required to hold a license as a marriage and family therapist to perform marriage and family therapy with that district.

SECTION ____. Subchapter A, Chapter 502, Occupations Code,

is amended by adding Section 502.0021 to read as follows:

Sec. 502.0021. PRACTICE OF MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPY. (a) "Marriage and family therapy" means the provision of professional therapy services to individuals, families, or married couples, alone or in groups, that involve applying family systems theories and techniques, including the evaluation and remediation of cognitive, affective, behavioral, or relational dysfunction in the context of marriage or family systems.

(b) The practice of marriage and family therapy may include the use of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, the International Classification of Diseases, and other diagnostic classification systems and the use of billing codes in connection with those systems for evaluation, classification, treatment, and other activities by a person licensed under this chapter, in connection with a claim for payment or reimbursement from a health insurance policy issuer or other payor.

(c) The practice of marriage and family therapy does not include prescribing medication, treating a physical disease, or providing any service outside the scope of practice of a licensed marriage and family therapist or licensed marriage and family therapist associate.