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H.B. No. 627

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT  
2 relating to the regulation of licensed specialists in school  
3 psychology.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 501.260, Occupations Code, is amended by  
6 adding Subsections (d), (e), (f), and (g) to read as follows:

7 (d) A person licensed under this section may be employed by  
8 and practice in a private school.

9 (e) A person may not use the title "licensed specialist in  
10 school psychology" or "school psychologist" unless the person holds  
11 a license issued under this section.

12 (f) A person who holds a license under this section may not  
13 use the title "nationally certified school psychologist" unless the  
14 person holds the appropriate credentials as designated by the  
15 National Association of School Psychologists or a successor  
16 organization.

17 (g) A person who holds a license under this section may not  
18 use a title that represents that the person is licensed under  
19 Section 501.252 unless the person holds a license under that  
20 section. A person who holds a license under this section may not  
21 use the title designated by the board under Section 501.259 unless  
22 the person holds a license under that section.

23 SECTION 2. Sections 501.260(e), (f), and (g), Occupations  
24 Code, as added by this Act, apply only to conduct that occurs on or

1 after the effective date of this Act. Conduct that occurs before the  
2 effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect on the  
3 date the conduct occurred, and the former law is continued in effect  
4 for that purpose.

5 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.