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S.B. No. 1770

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the regulation of licensed specialists in school psychology.

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

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

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

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

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

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

SECTION 2. Sections 501.260(e), (f), and (g), Occupations 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.