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S.B. No. 2394

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to standards to qualify as a licensed specialist in school psychology.

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

SECTION 1. Section 501.260, Occupations Code, is amended by amending Subsection (b) and adding Subsection (b-1) to read as follows:

(b) The executive council shall set the standards to qualify for a license under this section. The standards must include:

(1) satisfaction of minimum recognized graduate degree requirements;

(2) completion of graduate course work at a regionally accredited institution of higher education in:

(A) psychological foundations;

(B) educational foundations;

(C) interventions;

(D) assessments; and

(E) professional issues and ethics;

(3) completion of at least 1,200 hours of supervised experience;

(4) proficiency in the practice of school psychology as demonstrated by:

(A) receipt of a passing score on a nationally recognized qualifying examination determined to be appropriate by

1 the executive council and on any other examination required by the
2 executive council; or

3 (B) active certification as a nationally
4 certified school psychologist by the National Association of School
5 Psychologists or a successor organization; and

6 (5) satisfaction of the requirements under Sections
7 501.2525(a)(3)-(9).

8 (b-1) The executive council may not set a standard to
9 qualify for a license under this section that requires a person who
10 meets the standard set by the executive council corresponding to
11 Subsection (b)(4)(B) to complete any examination, including an
12 examination regarding jurisprudence.

13 SECTION 2. Section 501.260, Occupations Code, as amended by
14 this Act, applies only to an application for a license submitted
15 under that section on or after the effective date of this Act. An
16 application submitted before the effective date of this Act is
17 governed by the law in effect on the date the application was
18 submitted, and the former law is continued in effect for that
19 purpose.

20 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
21 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
22 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
23 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
24 Act takes effect September 1, 2023.