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H.B. No. 1660

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the licensing of certain education professionals as  
3 licensed specialists in school 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 (b-1) and (b-2) to read as follows:

7 (b-1) The executive council, in consultation with the  
8 commissioner of education and the State Board for Educator  
9 Certification, shall adopt rules providing for the issuance of a  
10 license under this section to a person who has been employed by a  
11 school district as:

- 12 (1) an educational diagnostician;  
13 (2) an occupational therapist;  
14 (3) a school counselor;  
15 (4) a social worker;  
16 (5) a special education teacher; or  
17 (6) a speech language pathologist.

18 (b-2) In adopting rules under Subsection (b-1), the  
19 executive council shall consult with the Texas Education Agency and  
20 the State Board for Educator Certification to identify the skills,  
21 training, and education needed for a person described by that  
22 subsection to successfully provide psychological services in a  
23 school district. The rules adopted under Subsection (b-1) must  
24 establish a process for the executive council, with the assistance

1 of a regional education service center established under Chapter 8,  
2 Education Code, as considered appropriate by the commissioner of  
3 education, to identify any additional education and training that  
4 an applicant must complete before issuance of the license.

5 SECTION 2. As soon as practicable after the effective date  
6 of this Act, the Texas Behavioral Health Executive Council shall  
7 adopt the rules required by Section 501.260(b-1), Occupations Code,  
8 as added by this Act.

9 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
10 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
11 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
12 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
13 Act takes effect September 1, 2025.