
STATE BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGY

- Expands the list of qualifications for a psychologist license to include a doctoral degree from an accredited or recognized degree program that does not meet the program accreditation requirements under continuing law.
- Requires professional experience for applicants for a psychology license with a foreign psychology degree or its foreign equivalence, or those with degrees from institutions that do not meet the program accreditation requirements under continuing law.
- Removes specified enrollment and graduation deadline requirements from alternatively accredited degree programs from the list of qualifications for a psychology license.
- Requires certified Ohio behavior analysts to report the abuse or neglect, or a reasonable cause to suspect abuse or neglect, of a child under 18 or a mentally retarded, developmentally disabled, or physically impaired child under 21.
- Requires certified Ohio behavior analysts to report a reasonable cause to believe that an adult is being abused, neglected, or exploited or is in a condition that is the result of abuse, neglect, or exploitation.
- Requires certified Ohio behavior analysts to provide a patient or the patient's personal representative or another authorized person with access to the patient's medical records when requested in accordance with the law.

Qualifications for licensure as a psychologist

(R.C. 4732.10)

The bill expands the list of qualifications for a psychologist license to include a doctoral degree in psychology or school psychology from an accredited institution if the degree program does not meet the program accreditation requirements under continuing law. Under current law a psychology license applicant must receive a doctoral degree from a program accredited by the American Psychological Association, the Accreditation Office of the Canadian Psychological Association, a program listed by the Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards/National Register Designation Committee, or the National Association of School Psychologists. The bill permits licensure for degrees earned in programs not accredited by those offices listed above that are accredited or recognized by a national or regional accrediting agency.



The bill imposes at least two years of supervised professional experience requirements on an applicant with such a degree or a degree from a foreign institution (outside the U.S. or Canada) deemed equivalent to a domestic doctorate in psychology, including a mandatory one year post-doctoral year of supervised training.

The bill removes from the list of qualifications for a psychologist license that the applicant be enrolled in an accredited institution not later than 60 days after April 7, 2009, and receive a doctoral degree in psychology or school psychology no later than April 7, 2017.

Certified Ohio behavior analysts

Reporting abuse or neglect

(R.C. 2151.421 and 5101.61)

The bill adds certified Ohio behavior analysts to the list of professionals that are required to report abuse or neglect. Certified Ohio behavior analysts, when acting in an official or professional capacity, are required to report the abuse or neglect, or a reasonable cause to suspect abuse or neglect, of a child under 18, or a mentally retarded, developmentally disabled, or physically impaired child under 21. Under continuing law, such a professional makes the report to the public children services agency or a municipal or county peace officer in the county where the child resides or where the abuse or neglect is taking or has taken place.

The bill also adds certified Ohio behavior analysts to the list of professionals that are required to report a reasonable cause to believe that an adult is being abused, neglected, or exploited or is in a condition that is the result of abuse, neglect, or exploitation. Under continuing law, such a professional makes the report to the county department of job and family services.

Permitting access to the patient's medical records

(R.C. 3701.74)

The bill adds certified Ohio behavior analysts to the list of health care providers that are required to provide a patient, the patient's personal representative, or other authorized person with access to the patient's medical records. Under continuing law, the patient, the patient's personal representative, or other authorized person must submit a signed written request to examine or obtain a copy of the medical record. Certified Ohio behavior analysts or other health care providers must take reasonable steps to establish the identity of the person making the request for records.

