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## **COUNSELOR, SOCIAL WORKER, AND MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPIST BOARD**

- Requires that four Counselor, Social Worker, and Marriage and Family Therapist Board members be licensed as either independent social workers or social workers, provided that at least one member is a licensed social worker at the time the member is appointed to the Board.
- Eliminates a requirement that not more than eight Board members be of the same sex.

### **Board membership**

(R.C. 4757.03)

The bill modifies the membership requirements for social worker members on the Counselor, Social Worker, and Marriage and Family Board. Specifically, it requires that four Board members be licensed as either independent social workers or social workers. At least one of them must be a licensed social worker at the time of appointment. Currently, two Board members must be licensed independent social workers and two members be licensed social workers.

The bill also requires that, at all times, at least one of these four Board members be an educator who teaches in a baccalaureate or master's degree social work program. Current law requires that, at all times, the social worker membership include such an educator.

The bill eliminates a requirement that not more than eight Board members be of the same sex.