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**A B I L L**

To amend sections 4732.10 and 5122.01 of the Revised	1
Code regarding the experience and training	2
requirements necessary for admission to	3
examination for a psychologist license.	4

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:**

<b>Section 1.</b> That sections 4732.10 and 5122.01 of the Revised	5
Code be amended to read as follows:	6

<b>Sec. 4732.10.</b> (A) The state board of psychology shall appoint	7
an entrance examiner who shall determine the sufficiency of an	8
applicant's qualifications for admission to the appropriate	9
examination.	10

(B) Requirements for admission to examination for a	11
psychologist license shall be that the applicant:	12

(1) Is at least twenty-one years of age;	13
(2) Is of good moral character;	14
(3) Is a citizen of the United States or has legally declared <del>his</del> <u>the</u> intention of becoming such;	15 16
(4) <del>Has received from</del> <u>Meets the requirements of division</u> <u>(B)(4)(a), (b), (c), or (d) of this section:</u>	17 18
<u>(a) Received an earned doctoral degree from an institution</u> <u>accredited or recognized by a national or regional accrediting</u> <u>agency and a program accredited by any of the following:</u>	19 20 21
<u>(i) The American psychological association, office of program</u> <u>consultation and accreditation;</u>	22 23
<u>(ii) The accreditation office of the Canadian psychological</u> <u>association;</u>	24 25
<u>(iii) A program listed by the association of state and</u> <u>provincial psychology boards/national register designation</u> <u>committee;</u>	26 27 28
<u>(iv) The national association of school psychologists.</u>	29
<u>(b) Received from an academic institution outside of the</u> <u>United States or Canada a degree determined, under rules adopted</u> <u>by the board under division (E) of this section, to be equivalent</u> <u>to a doctoral degree in psychology from a program described in</u> <u>division (B)(4)(a) of this section;</u>	30 31 32 33 34
<u>(c) Held a psychologist license, certificate, or registration</u> <u>required for practice in another United States or Canadian</u> <u>jurisdiction for a minimum of ten years and meets educational,</u> <u>experience, and professional requirements established under rules</u> <u>adopted by the board.</u>	35 36 37 38 39
<u>(d) Enrolled, not later than sixty days after the effective</u> <u>date of this amendment, in an educational institution accredited</u> <u>or recognized by national or regional accrediting agencies as</u>	40 41 42

maintaining satisfactory standards and not later than eight years 43  
after the effective date of this amendment received an earned 44  
doctoral degree in psychology, school psychology, or a doctoral 45  
degree deemed equivalent by the board;. 46

(5) Has had at least two years of supervised professional 47  
experience in psychological work of a type satisfactory to the 48  
board, at least one year of which must be ~~postdoctoral~~ a 49  
predoctoral internship. 50

The board ~~shall maintain a record of each specific degree~~ 51  
~~program which it recognizes as acceptable for fulfilling the~~ 52  
~~requirement of division (B)(4) of this section and~~ shall adopt 53  
guidelines for the kind of supervised professional experience 54  
which fulfill the requirement of division (B)(5) of this section. 55

(C) Requirements for admission to examination for a school 56  
psychologist license shall be that the applicant: 57

(1) Has received from an educational institution accredited 58  
or recognized by national or regional accrediting agencies as 59  
maintaining satisfactory standards, including those approved by 60  
the state board of education for the training of school 61  
psychologists, at least a master's degree in school psychology, or 62  
a degree considered equivalent by the board; 63

(2) Is at least twenty-one years of age; 64

(3) Is of good moral character; 65

(4) Is a citizen of the United States or has legally declared 66  
~~his~~ the intention of becoming such; 67

(5) Has completed at least sixty quarter hours, or the 68  
semester hours equivalent, at the graduate level, of accredited 69  
study in course work relevant to the study of school psychology; 70

(6) Has completed an internship in an educational institution 71  
approved by the Ohio department of education for school psychology 72

supervised experience or one year of other training experience 73  
acceptable to the board, such as supervised professional 74  
experience under the direction of a licensed psychologist or 75  
licensed school psychologist; 76

(7) Furnishes proof of at least twenty-seven months, 77  
exclusive of internship, of full-time experience as a certificated 78  
school psychologist employed by a board of education or a private 79  
school meeting the standards prescribed by the state board of 80  
education, or of experience which the board deems equivalent. 81

(D) If the entrance examiner finds that the applicant meets 82  
the requirements set forth in this section, the applicant shall be 83  
admitted to the appropriate examination. 84

(E) The board shall adopt under Chapter 119. of the Revised 85  
Code rules for determining for the purposes of division (B)(4)(b) 86  
of this section whether a degree is equivalent to a degree in 87  
psychology from an institution in the United States. 88

**Sec. 5122.01.** As used in this chapter and Chapter 5119. of 89  
the Revised Code: 90

(A) "Mental illness" means a substantial disorder of thought, 91  
mood, perception, orientation, or memory that grossly impairs 92  
judgment, behavior, capacity to recognize reality, or ability to 93  
meet the ordinary demands of life. 94

(B) "Mentally ill person subject to hospitalization by court 95  
order" means a mentally ill person who, because of the person's 96  
illness: 97

(1) Represents a substantial risk of physical harm to self as 98  
manifested by evidence of threats of, or attempts at, suicide or 99  
serious self-inflicted bodily harm; 100

(2) Represents a substantial risk of physical harm to others 101  
as manifested by evidence of recent homicidal or other violent 102

behavior, evidence of recent threats that place another in 103  
reasonable fear of violent behavior and serious physical harm, or 104  
other evidence of present dangerousness; 105

(3) Represents a substantial and immediate risk of serious 106  
physical impairment or injury to self as manifested by evidence 107  
that the person is unable to provide for and is not providing for 108  
the person's basic physical needs because of the person's mental 109  
illness and that appropriate provision for those needs cannot be 110  
made immediately available in the community; or 111

(4) Would benefit from treatment in a hospital for the 112  
person's mental illness and is in need of such treatment as 113  
manifested by evidence of behavior that creates a grave and 114  
imminent risk to substantial rights of others or the person. 115

(C)(1) "Patient" means, subject to division (C)(2) of this 116  
section, a person who is admitted either voluntarily or 117  
involuntarily to a hospital or other place under section 2945.39, 118  
2945.40, 2945.401, or 2945.402 of the Revised Code subsequent to a 119  
finding of not guilty by reason of insanity or incompetence to 120  
stand trial or under this chapter, who is under observation or 121  
receiving treatment in such place. 122

(2) "Patient" does not include a person admitted to a 123  
hospital or other place under section 2945.39, 2945.40, 2945.401, 124  
or 2945.402 of the Revised Code to the extent that the reference 125  
in this chapter to patient, or the context in which the reference 126  
occurs, is in conflict with any provision of sections 2945.37 to 127  
2945.402 of the Revised Code. 128

(D) "Licensed physician" means a person licensed under the 129  
laws of this state to practice medicine or a medical officer of 130  
the government of the United States while in this state in the 131  
performance of the person's official duties. 132

(E) "Psychiatrist" means a licensed physician who has 133

satisfactorily completed a residency training program in 134  
psychiatry, as approved by the residency review committee of the 135  
American medical association, the committee on post-graduate 136  
education of the American osteopathic association, or the American 137  
osteopathic board of neurology and psychiatry, or who on July 1, 138  
1989, has been recognized as a psychiatrist by the Ohio state 139  
medical association or the Ohio osteopathic association on the 140  
basis of formal training and five or more years of medical 141  
practice limited to psychiatry. 142

(F) "Hospital" means a hospital or inpatient unit licensed by 143  
the department of mental health under section 5119.20 of the 144  
Revised Code, and any institution, hospital, or other place 145  
established, controlled, or supervised by the department under 146  
Chapter 5119. of the Revised Code. 147

(G) "Public hospital" means a facility that is tax-supported 148  
and under the jurisdiction of the department of mental health. 149

(H) "Community mental health agency" means any agency, 150  
program, or facility with which a board of alcohol, drug 151  
addiction, and mental health services contracts to provide the 152  
mental health services listed in section 340.09 of the Revised 153  
Code. 154

(I) "Licensed clinical psychologist" means a person who holds 155  
a current valid psychologist license issued under section 4732.12 156  
or 4732.15 of the Revised Code, and in addition, meets either of 157  
the following criteria: 158

(1) Meets the educational requirements set forth in division 159  
(B) of section 4732.10 of the Revised Code and has a minimum of 160  
two years' full-time professional experience, or the equivalent as 161  
determined by rule of the state board of psychology, at least one 162  
year of which shall be ~~post-doctoral~~ a predoctoral internship, in 163  
clinical psychological work in a public or private hospital or 164

clinic or in private practice, diagnosing and treating problems of 165  
mental illness or mental retardation under the supervision of a 166  
psychologist who is licensed or who holds a diploma issued by the 167  
American board of professional psychology, or whose qualifications 168  
are substantially similar to those required for licensure by the 169  
state board of psychology when the supervision has occurred prior 170  
to enactment of laws governing the practice of psychology; 171

(2) Meets the educational requirements set forth in division 172  
(B) of section 4732.15 of the Revised Code and has a minimum of 173  
four years' full-time professional experience, or the equivalent 174  
as determined by rule of the state board of psychology, in 175  
clinical psychological work in a public or private hospital or 176  
clinic or in private practice, diagnosing and treating problems of 177  
mental illness or mental retardation under supervision, as set 178  
forth in division (I)(1) of this section. 179

(J) "Health officer" means any public health physician; 180  
public health nurse; or other person authorized by or designated 181  
by a city health district; a general health district; or a board 182  
of alcohol, drug addiction, and mental health services to perform 183  
the duties of a health officer under this chapter. 184

(K) "Chief clinical officer" means the medical director of a 185  
hospital, or a community mental health agency, or a board of 186  
alcohol, drug addiction, and mental health services, or, if there 187  
is no medical director, the licensed physician responsible for the 188  
treatment a hospital or community mental health agency provides. 189  
The chief clinical officer may delegate to the attending physician 190  
responsible for a patient's care the duties imposed on the chief 191  
clinical officer by this chapter. Within a community mental health 192  
agency, the chief clinical officer shall be designated by the 193  
governing body of the agency and shall be a licensed physician or 194  
licensed clinical psychologist who supervises diagnostic and 195  
treatment services. A licensed physician or licensed clinical 196

psychologist designated by the chief clinical officer may perform 197  
the duties and accept the responsibilities of the chief clinical 198  
officer in the chief clinical officer's absence. 199

(L) "Working day" or "court day" means Monday, Tuesday, 200  
Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, except when such day is a 201  
holiday. 202

(M) "Indigent" means unable without deprivation of 203  
satisfaction of basic needs to provide for the payment of an 204  
attorney and other necessary expenses of legal representation, 205  
including expert testimony. 206

(N) "Respondent" means the person whose detention, 207  
commitment, hospitalization, continued hospitalization or 208  
commitment, or discharge is being sought in any proceeding under 209  
this chapter. 210

(O) "Legal rights service" means the service established 211  
under section 5123.60 of the Revised Code. 212

(P) "Independent expert evaluation" means an evaluation 213  
conducted by a licensed clinical psychologist, psychiatrist, or 214  
licensed physician who has been selected by the respondent or the 215  
respondent's counsel and who consents to conducting the 216  
evaluation. 217

(Q) "Court" means the probate division of the court of common 218  
pleas. 219

(R) "Expunge" means: 220

(1) The removal and destruction of court files and records, 221  
originals and copies, and the deletion of all index references; 222

(2) The reporting to the person of the nature and extent of 223  
any information about the person transmitted to any other person 224  
by the court; 225

(3) Otherwise insuring that any examination of court files 226



and records in question shall show no record whatever with respect 227  
to the person; 228

(4) That all rights and privileges are restored, and that the 229  
person, the court, and any other person may properly reply that no 230  
such record exists, as to any matter expunged. 231

(S) "Residence" means a person's physical presence in a 232  
county with intent to remain there, except that: 233

(1) If a person is receiving a mental health service at a 234  
facility that includes nighttime sleeping accommodations, 235  
residence means that county in which the person maintained the 236  
person's primary place of residence at the time the person entered 237  
the facility; 238

(2) If a person is committed pursuant to section 2945.38, 239  
2945.39, 2945.40, 2945.401, or 2945.402 of the Revised Code, 240  
residence means the county where the criminal charges were filed. 241

When the residence of a person is disputed, the matter of 242  
residence shall be referred to the department of mental health for 243  
investigation and determination. Residence shall not be a basis 244  
for a board's denying services to any person present in the 245  
board's service district, and the board shall provide services for 246  
a person whose residence is in dispute while residence is being 247  
determined and for a person in an emergency situation. 248

(T) "Admission" to a hospital or other place means that a 249  
patient is accepted for and stays at least one night at the 250  
hospital or other place. 251

(U) "Prosecutor" means the prosecuting attorney, village 252  
solicitor, city director of law, or similar chief legal officer 253  
who prosecuted a criminal case in which a person was found not 254  
guilty by reason of insanity, who would have had the authority to 255  
prosecute a criminal case against a person if the person had not 256  
been found incompetent to stand trial, or who prosecuted a case in 257

which a person was found guilty. 258

(V) "Treatment plan" means a written statement of reasonable 259  
objectives and goals for an individual established by the 260  
treatment team, with specific criteria to evaluate progress 261  
towards achieving those objectives. The active participation of 262  
the patient in establishing the objectives and goals shall be 263  
documented. The treatment plan shall be based on patient needs and 264  
include services to be provided to the patient while the patient 265  
is hospitalized and after the patient is discharged. The treatment 266  
plan shall address services to be provided upon discharge, 267  
including but not limited to housing, financial, and vocational 268  
services. 269

(W) "Community control sanction" has the same meaning as in 270  
section 2929.01 of the Revised Code. 271

(X) "Post-release control sanction" has the same meaning as 272  
in section 2967.01 of the Revised Code. 273

**Section 2.** That existing section 4732.10 and 5122.01 of the 274  
Revised Code are hereby repealed. 275