
HOUSE BILL 1259

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By Representative Shavers

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1 AN ACT Relating to supervision requirements for behavioral health
2 professionals in elementary and secondary public schools; and adding
3 a new section to chapter 43.70 RCW.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 43.70
6 RCW to read as follows:

7 (1) The student achievement council and institutions of higher
8 education that have behavioral health programs shall collaborate with
9 the office of the superintendent of public instruction to establish
10 standards for behavioral health graduates to satisfy supervision
11 requirements for licensing and certification while serving as
12 behavioral health professionals in elementary and secondary public
13 schools.

14 (2) For purposes of this section:

15 (a) "Behavioral health professionals" includes licensed advanced
16 and independent clinical social workers, licensed marriage and family
17 therapists, and mental health counselors.

18 (b) "Institutions of higher education" has the same meaning as
19 provided in RCW 28B.10.016.

1 (c) "Elementary and secondary public schools" has the same
2 meaning as "public schools" as provided in RCW 28A.150.010.

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