

SENATE BILL 1716  
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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 33; Title 40; Title 56; Title 63 and Title 68, relative to the scope of practice and reimbursement of senior psychological examiners and certified psychological assistants.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

WHEREAS, the General Assembly acknowledges the change in the psychology licensing law regarding levels of practice, resulting in the creation of the licensed senior psychological examiner and the certified psychological assistant; and

WHEREAS, the creation of these new levels of psychological practice necessitates changing several sections of Tennessee Code Annotated in order to promote consistency between these laws and the new levels of psychology practice; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Tennessee need the following laws to undergo modification in order to promote continuity of quality care from licensed psychological examiners and certified psychological assistants; therefore, the General Assembly enacts the following changes in certain sections of Tennessee Code Annotated.

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 33-6-802, is amended by adding the phrase "or licensed senior psychological examiner or certified psychological assistant" after the phrase "licensed psychological examiner" and before the word "from".

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 33-6-804(a), is amended by adding the phrase "or licensed psychological examiner or licensed senior psychological examiner or certified psychological assistant" after the phrase "licensed psychologist" and before the word "psychological examiner".

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 40-35-205(c), is amended by adding the phrase "or licensed senior psychological examiner or certified psychological assistant" after the phrase "licensed psychological examiner" and before the word "designated".

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-22-117(b), is amended by adding the phrase "licensed senior psychological examiner, certified psychological assistant", after the phrase "licensed psychological examiner," and before the phrase "licensed psychologist".

SECTION 5. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-22-202(d), is amended by adding the phrases "licensed senior psychological examiner, certified psychological assistant" after the phrase "licensed psychological examiner," and before the phrase "licensed psychologist".

SECTION 6. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-24-607, is amended by adding the phrase "licensed senior psychological examiner, certified psychological assistant" after the phrase "licensed psychological examiner" and before the words "certified master social worker".

SECTION 7. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 56-7-2401(a), is amended by adding the phrase "or certified psychological assistant" after the phrase "licensed psychological examiner" and before the phrase "supervised as provided".

SECTION 8. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 56-7-2401(a), is further amended by adding the phrase ", or certified senior psychological examiner" after the phrase "supervised as provided by Title 63, Chapter 11" and before "or a duly licensed podiatrist as defined".

SECTION 9. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 56-7-2401(a), is further amended by adding the phrase "or certified psychological assistant supervised as provided by Title 63, Chapter 11, or duly licensed senior psychological examiner or" after the phrase "shall be entitled to reimbursement for such services, whether such services are performed by a duly licensed physician or by a duly licensed optometrist or a duly licensed podiatrist or a duly licensed psychologist designated as a health service provider or duly licensed psychological examiner supervised as provided by Title 63, Chapter 11, or" and before the phrase "duly licensed independent practitioner of social work".

SECTION 10. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.