



House of Representatives

General Assembly

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House Bill No. 6646

House of Representatives, April 17, 2013

The Committee on Public Health reported through REP. JOHNSON of the 49th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING MARITAL AND FAMILY THERAPISTS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 20-195c of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
3 *October 1, 2013*):

4 (a) Each applicant for licensure as a marital and family therapist
5 shall present to the department satisfactory evidence that such
6 applicant has: (1) Completed a graduate degree program specializing
7 in marital and family therapy from a regionally accredited college or
8 university or an accredited postgraduate clinical training program
9 [approved] accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for
10 Marriage and Family Therapy Education; [and recognized by the
11 United States Department of Education;] (2) completed a supervised
12 practicum or internship with emphasis in marital and family therapy
13 supervised by the program granting the requisite degree or by an
14 accredited postgraduate clinical training program, [approved]
15 accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Marriage and

16 Family Therapy Education [recognized by the United States
17 Department of Education] in which the student received a minimum of
18 five hundred direct clinical hours that included one hundred hours of
19 clinical supervision; (3) completed a minimum of twelve months of
20 relevant postgraduate experience, including at least (A) one thousand
21 hours of direct client contact offering marital and family therapy
22 services subsequent to being awarded a master's degree or doctorate or
23 subsequent to the training year specified in subdivision (2) of this
24 subsection, and (B) one hundred hours of postgraduate clinical
25 supervision provided by a licensed marital and family therapist; and
26 (4) passed an examination prescribed by the department. The fee shall
27 be three hundred fifteen dollars for each initial application.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2013	20-195c(a)

PH *Joint Favorable*

The following Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. In general, fiscal impacts are based upon a variety of informational sources, including the analyst's professional knowledge. Whenever applicable, agency data is consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.

OFA Fiscal Note***State Impact:*** None***Municipal Impact:*** None***Explanation***

The bill does not result in a fiscal impact to the Department of Public Health (DPH) as it is not anticipated to impact the number of marital and family therapists licensed by DPH. The proposed language makes a technical revision to existing language to clarify that programs are “accredited” not “approved” by the Commission on Accreditation for Marriage and Family Therapy Education.

The Out Years***State Impact:*** None***Municipal Impact:*** None

OLR Bill Analysis**HB 6646*****AN ACT CONCERNING MARITAL AND FAMILY THERAPISTS.*****SUMMARY:**

By law, applicants for licensure as a martial and family therapist must, among other things, complete a graduate degree program and a supervised practicum or internship with an accredited (1) college or university or (2) post-graduate clinical training program. Currently, the post-graduate clinical training program must be approved by the Commission on Accreditation for Marriage and Family Therapy Education (COAMFTE) and recognized by the U.S. Department of Education (DOE). This bill instead requires that the training program be accredited by COAMFTE (these programs are already recognized by DOE).

It also makes a conforming change.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2013

COMMITTEE ACTION

Public Health Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 27 Nay 0 (04/01/2013)