

To Whom it May Concern:

My name is Finessa Slater and I am a Board Certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA) who resides at 226 Laurel Street, East Haven, CT.

I am writing in **opposition** of HB 5537, section 42 (6). Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) is currently not in the scope of practice of Speech Language Pathologists (SLP). Becoming a BCBA requires national certification which includes coursework, supervised experience, and an examination (See below). . Simply adding that ABA falls under the scope of another professional's practice would not provide the qualifications needed to implement ABA appropriately and effectively. Allowing SLPs to practice behavior analysis without board certification would negatively impact those clients requiring services.

Thank you for your support this matter.

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1. **Coursework:** The applicant must complete 225 classroom hours of graduate level instruction in the following content areas and for the number of hours specified:
 1. Ethical considerations - 15 hours
 2. Definition & characteristics and Principles, processes & concepts - 45 hours
 3. Behavioral assessment and Selecting intervention outcomes & strategies - 35 hours
 4. Experimental evaluation of interventions - 20 hours
 5. Measurement of behavior and Displaying & interpreting behavioral data - 20 hours
 6. Behavioral change procedures and Systems support - 45 hours
 7. Discretionary behavior-analytic content - 45 hours
2. ***SUPERVISED INDEPENDENT FIELDWORK (1500 hours BCBA):*** To qualify under this standard at the BCBA level, supervisees must complete 1500 hours of Supervised Independent Fieldwork in behavior analysis. include at least 1 supervised hour.

3. The Board Certified Behavior Analyst Examination has approximately 150 questions.