

House Bill 359

By: Representatives Beskin of the 54th, Quick of the 117th, Broadrick of the 4th, Tanner of the 9th, Reeves of the 34th, and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 10A of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 professional counselors, social workers, and marriage and family therapists, so as to change
3 certain provisions relating to separate standards committees for the professional counseling
4 specialty, the social work specialty, and the marriage and family therapy specialty; to repeal
5 conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Chapter 10A of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to professional
9 counselors, social workers, and marriage and family therapists, is amended by revising Code
10 Section 43-10A-6, relating to separate standards committees for professional counseling
11 specialty, social work specialty, and marriage and family therapy specialty, as follows:

12 "43-10A-6.

13 (a) Those members of the board from the professional counseling specialty, the social
14 work specialty, and the marriage and family therapy specialty shall constitute a separate
15 standards committee for their respective specialty. Each standards committee ~~by majority~~
16 ~~vote~~ shall approve or disapprove the granting of all licenses in that specialty, approve the
17 examination required of applicants for licensure in that committee's specialty, ~~and provide~~
18 ~~for the grading of that examination~~, and provide for other matters relating to licensure in
19 that specialty.

20 (b) No decision of a standards committee shall become effective until approved by the
21 board, unless otherwise provided by rules and regulations of the board. The board may
22 initiate or otherwise act regarding any matter in which a standards committee is authorized
23 to act. No decision of the board regarding a particular specialty shall become effective
24 without the approval of at least two of the members of the standards committee for that
25 specialty.

26 (c) Meetings of a standards committee shall be reimbursed on the same basis as board
27 meetings."

28 **SECTION 2.**

29 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.