

SENATE BILL No. 261

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 25-23.6-5-3.5.

Synopsis: Clinical social worker licensure. Provides that licensed physicians with training in psychiatric medicine or licensed clinical psychologists (qualified supervisors) may supervise individuals seeking a clinical social worker license. Permits 75% of supervised clinical social work experience hours to be accounted for through virtual supervision by qualified supervisors.

Effective: July 1, 2024.

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January 16, 2024, read first time and referred to Committee on Health and Provider Services.



Second Regular Session of the 123rd General Assembly (2024)

PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning professions and occupations.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 25-23.6-5-3.5, AS AMENDED BY
2 P.L.215-2018(ss), SECTION 12, IS AMENDED TO READ AS
3 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024]: Sec. 3.5. (a) **For purposes**
4 **of this section, "qualified supervisor" means:**
5 (1) **a licensed physician with training in psychiatric medicine;**
6 **or**
7 (2) **a licensed clinical psychologist.**
8 (b) The applicant for a license as a clinical social worker must have
9 at least two (2) years of clinical social work experience after receiving
10 a graduate degree in social work and under the supervision of a
11 qualified supervisor. ~~as determined by the board.~~
12 (b) (c) If an individual is obtaining the clinical social work
13 experience described in subsection (a) (b) in Indiana, the individual
14 must be licensed as a social worker under section 1 of this chapter.
15 (c) (d) A doctoral internship may be applied toward the supervised
16 clinical social work experience requirement.
17 (d) (e) Except as provided in subsection (c); (f), the clinical social



1 work experience requirement may be met by work performed at or
2 away from the premises of the qualified supervisor.

3 ~~(e)~~ **(f)** Except as provided in subsection ~~(g)~~, **(h)**, the clinical social
4 work requirement may not be performed away from the qualified
5 supervisor's premises if:

6 (1) the work is the independent private practice of clinical social
7 work; and

8 (2) the work is not performed at a place with the supervision of a
9 qualified supervisor available.

10 ~~(f)~~ **(g)** Any supervised clinical social work experience hours that an
11 applicant accumulates under this chapter after being licensed as a
12 social worker under section 1 of this chapter do not expire and may be
13 used by the applicant to satisfy the supervised clinical social work
14 experience requirements under this chapter.

15 ~~(g)~~ **(h)** Up to ~~fifty percent (50%)~~ **seventy-five percent (75%)** of the
16 supervised clinical social work experience hours required under
17 subsection ~~(a)~~ **(b)** may be accounted for through virtual supervision by
18 a qualified supervisor described in subsection ~~(a)~~: **(b)**.

19 ~~(h)~~ **(i)** After obtaining a temporary permit under section 11.5 of this
20 chapter, any supervised clinical social work experience hours that an
21 applicant accumulates under this chapter before the temporary permit
22 expires may be used by the applicant to satisfy the supervised clinical
23 social work experience requirements under this chapter during the
24 following time after the applicant obtained the temporary permit:

25 (1) For not more than four (4) years.

26 (2) After the four (4) year period, if approved by the board.

