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HOUSE BILL NO. 1023

Introduced by: The Committee on Health and Human Services at the request of the Board of
Examiners for Counselors and Marriage and Family Therapists

1 FOR AN ACT ENTITLED, An Act to revise certain provisions related to the Board of
2 Examiners for Counselors and Marriage and Family Therapists.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

4 Section 1. That § 36-32-1 be amended to read:

5 36-32-1. Terms as used in this chapter mean:

6 (1) "Board," the Board of Examiners for Counselors and Marriage and Family Therapists
7 established under this chapter;

8 (2) "Counseling treatment interventions," the application of cognitive, affective,
9 behavioral, and systemic counseling strategies which include principles of
10 development, wellness, and pathology implemented in the context of a professional
11 counseling relationship;

12 (3) "Doctorate or master's degree in counseling," completion of study following a
13 bachelor's degree in a clearly identified counseling program which stands as a
14 recognizable organizational entity within an accredited institution of higher learning
15 and ~~which~~ includes participation in a supervised practicum and internship in



1 counseling;

2 (4) "Postgraduate," following completion of study for a ~~master's or doctoral~~ doctorate or
3 master's degree;

4 (5) "Practice of professional counseling," application of mental health, psychological,
5 and human development principles in order to:

6 (a) Facilitate human development and adjustment throughout the life span;

7 (b) Prevent, diagnose, and treat mental, emotional, or behavioral disorders and
8 associated distresses which interfere with mental health;

9 (c) Conduct assessments and diagnoses for the purpose of establishing treatment
10 goals and objectives; and

11 (d) Plan, implement, and evaluate treatment plans using counseling treatment
12 interventions;

13 (6) "Supervised counseling internship," an ~~actual~~ on-the-job- experience in professional
14 counseling under the supervision of an on-site supervisor who is a licensed
15 ~~professional counselor or related mental health professional or who is eligible to be~~
16 licensed under title 36 or the corresponding licensing provisions of another state;

17 (7) "Supervised practicum," the providing of counseling to any bona fide client or group
18 seeking services from a counselor. This supervised practicum shall be under the
19 direction of a qualified graduate faculty member and includes critiquing of
20 counseling, either observed or recorded on audio or video tape.