

Amendment No. 1

COMMITTEE/SUBCOMMITTEE ACTION

ADOPTED	<u>    </u>	(Y/N)
ADOPTED AS AMENDED	<u>    </u>	(Y/N)
ADOPTED W/O OBJECTION	<u>    </u>	(Y/N)
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OTHER	<u>    </u>	

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1 Committee/Subcommittee hearing bill: Health & Human Services  
 2 Committee

3 Representative Koster offered the following:

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5 **Amendment (with title amendment)**

6 Between lines 12 and 13, insert:

7 (1) CLINICAL SOCIAL WORK.—Upon verification of  
 8 documentation and payment of a fee not to exceed \$200, as set by  
 9 board rule, ~~plus the actual per applicant cost to the department~~  
 10 ~~for purchase of the examination from the American Association of~~  
 11 ~~State Social Worker's Boards or a similar national organization,~~  
 12 the department shall issue a license as a clinical social worker  
 13 to an applicant whom ~~who~~ the board certifies has met all of the  
 14 following criteria:

15 (a) ~~Has~~ Submitted an application and paid the appropriate  
 16 fee.

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17 (b)1. ~~Has~~ Received a doctoral degree in social work from a  
18 graduate school of social work which at the time the applicant  
19 graduated was accredited by an accrediting agency recognized by  
20 the United States Department of Education or ~~has~~ received a  
21 master's degree in social work from a graduate school of social  
22 work which at the time the applicant graduated:

23 a. Was accredited by the Council on Social Work Education;

24 b. Was accredited by the Canadian Association of Schools  
25 of Social Work; or

26 c. Has been determined to have been a program equivalent  
27 to programs approved by the Council on Social Work Education by  
28 the Foreign Equivalency Determination Service of the Council on  
29 Social Work Education. An applicant who graduated from a program  
30 at a university or college outside of the United States or  
31 Canada must present documentation of the equivalency  
32 determination from the council in order to qualify.

33 2. The applicant's graduate program must have emphasized  
34 direct clinical patient or client health care services,  
35 including, but not limited to, coursework in clinical social  
36 work, psychiatric social work, medical social work, social  
37 casework, psychotherapy, or group therapy. The applicant's  
38 graduate program must have included all of the following  
39 coursework:

40 a. A supervised field placement which was part of the  
41 applicant's advanced concentration in direct practice, during

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42 | which the applicant provided clinical services directly to  
43 | clients.

44 |       b. Completion of 24 semester hours or 32 quarter hours in  
45 | theory of human behavior and practice methods as courses in  
46 | clinically oriented services, including a minimum of one course  
47 | in psychopathology, and no more than one course in research,  
48 | taken in a school of social work accredited or approved pursuant  
49 | to subparagraph 1.

50 |       3. If the course title which appears on the applicant's  
51 | transcript does not clearly identify the content of the  
52 | coursework, the applicant shall be required to provide  
53 | additional documentation, including, but not limited to, a  
54 | syllabus or catalog description published for the course.

55 |       (c) ~~Has~~ Had at least 2 years of clinical social work  
56 | experience, which took place subsequent to completion of a  
57 | graduate degree in social work at an institution meeting the  
58 | accreditation requirements of this section, under the  
59 | supervision of a licensed clinical social worker or the  
60 | equivalent who is a qualified supervisor as determined by the  
61 | board. An individual who intends to practice in Florida to  
62 | satisfy clinical experience requirements must register pursuant  
63 | to s. 491.0045 before commencing practice. If the applicant's  
64 | graduate program was not a program which emphasized direct  
65 | clinical patient or client health care services as described in  
66 | subparagraph (b)2., the supervised experience requirement must

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67 take place after the applicant has completed a minimum of 15  
68 semester hours or 22 quarter hours of the coursework required. A  
69 doctoral internship may be applied toward the clinical social  
70 work experience requirement. A licensed mental health  
71 professional must be on the premises when clinical services are  
72 provided by a registered intern in a private practice setting.

73 (d) ~~Has~~ Passed a theory and practice examination  
74 designated by board rule ~~provided by the department for this~~  
75 ~~purpose.~~

76 (e) ~~Has~~ Demonstrated, in a manner designated by board rule  
77 ~~of the board~~, knowledge of the laws and rules governing the  
78 practice of clinical social work, marriage and family therapy,  
79 and mental health counseling.

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Remove line 4 and insert:

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licensing requirements for clinical social workers, marriage and  
85 family