

CHAMBER ACTION

1 The Health & Families Council recommends the following:

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3 **Council/Committee Substitute**

4 Remove the entire bill and insert:

5 A bill to be entitled

6 An act relating to psychology specialties; creating s.
7 490.0149, F.S.; providing a definition; specifying the
8 circumstances under which a psychologist may hold himself
9 or herself out as a certified psychology specialist,
10 board-certified psychology specialist, or psychology
11 diplomate; requiring the Board of Psychology to adopt
12 rules to establish specified criteria for approval of
13 certifying bodies; specifying that a person licensed under
14 ch. 490, F.S., may specify the types of services he or she
15 provides; providing an effective date.

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17 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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19 Section 1. Section 490.0149, Florida Statutes, is created
20 to read:

21 490.0149 Specialties.--

22 (1) As used in this section, the term "certified
23 psychology specialist," "board-certified psychology specialist,"

24 or "psychology diplomate" means a psychologist with recognized
25 special competency acquired through an organized sequence of
26 formal education, training, experience, and professional
27 standing that is recognized by a certifying body approved by the
28 board pursuant to criteria adopted under subsection (3).

29 (2) A person licensed as a psychologist may not hold
30 himself or herself out as a certified psychology specialist,
31 board-certified psychology specialist, or psychology diplomate
32 unless the person has received formal recognition from an
33 approved certifying body.

34 (3) The board shall adopt rules to establish criteria for
35 approval of certifying bodies that provide certification for
36 specialties in psychology as provided in subsection (1). The
37 criteria shall include that a certifying body:

38 (a) Be national in scope, incorporate standards of the
39 profession, and collaborate closely with organizations related
40 to specialization in psychology.

41 (b) Have clearly described purposes, by-laws, policies,
42 and procedures.

43 (c) Have established standards for specialized practice of
44 psychology.

45 (d) Provide assessments that include the development and
46 implementation of an examination designed to measure the
47 competencies required to provide services that are
48 characteristic of the specialty area.

49 (4) A person licensed as a psychologist under this chapter
50 may indicate the services he or she offers and may indicate that

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51 | his or her practice is limited to one or more types of services
52 | when this accurately reflects his or her scope of practice.

53 | Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2006.