

By the Committees on Appropriations; and Health Policy; and  
Senator Bean

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1                                   A bill to be entitled  
2       An act relating to behavior analysts; amending s.  
3       20.43, F.S.; establishing the Board of Applied  
4       Behavior Analysis within the Division of Medical  
5       Quality Assurance; amending s. 456.001, F.S.;  
6       including licensed behavior analysts and licensed  
7       assistant behavior analysts in the definition of  
8       "health care practitioner"; amending s. 456.0135,  
9       F.S.; requiring an applicant for licensure under  
10      chapter 470, F.S., to submit to certain fingerprinting  
11      requirements; creating chapter 470, F.S.; entitling  
12      the chapter; creating s. 470.40, F.S.; providing a  
13      purpose; creating s. 470.41, F.S.; defining terms;  
14      creating s. 470.415, F.S.; creating the Board of  
15      Applied Behavior Analysis; providing for membership  
16      and terms of members; creating s. 470.42, F.S.;  
17      creating rulemaking authority for the board and the  
18      department; creating s. 470.43, F.S.; providing  
19      requirements for licensure as a behavior analyst or  
20      assistant behavior analyst; creating s. 470.44, F.S.;  
21      providing requirements for renewal of license;  
22      creating s. 470.45, F.S.; establishing maximum fees  
23      for applications, initial licenses, and license  
24      renewals; requiring fees collected by the department  
25      to be deposited in to a specified trust fund; creating  
26      s. 470.46, F.S.; providing grounds for denial of  
27      license or disciplinary action; creating s. 470.47,  
28      F.S.; providing penalties for practicing applied  
29      behavior analysis without a license or wrongfully

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30 identifying oneself as a licensed behavior analyst or  
31 licensed assistant behavior analyst; creating s.  
32 470.48, F.S.; providing exceptions to applicability of  
33 the chapter; providing appropriations and authorizing  
34 positions; providing an effective date.

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

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38 Section 1. Paragraph (g) of subsection (3) of section  
39 20.43, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

40 20.43 Department of Health.—There is created a Department  
41 of Health.

42 (3) The following divisions of the Department of Health are  
43 established:

44 (g) Division of Medical Quality Assurance, which is  
45 responsible for the following boards and professions established  
46 within the division:

- 47 1. The Board of Acupuncture, created under chapter 457.
- 48 2. The Board of Medicine, created under chapter 458.
- 49 3. The Board of Osteopathic Medicine, created under chapter  
50 459.
- 51 4. The Board of Chiropractic Medicine, created under  
52 chapter 460.
- 53 5. The Board of Podiatric Medicine, created under chapter  
54 461.
- 55 6. Naturopathy, as provided under chapter 462.
- 56 7. The Board of Optometry, created under chapter 463.
- 57 8. The Board of Nursing, created under part I of chapter  
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59 9. Nursing assistants, as provided under part II of chapter  
60 464.

61 10. The Board of Pharmacy, created under chapter 465.

62 11. The Board of Dentistry, created under chapter 466.

63 12. Midwifery, as provided under chapter 467.

64 13. The Board of Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology,  
65 created under part I of chapter 468.

66 14. The Board of Nursing Home Administrators, created under  
67 part II of chapter 468.

68 15. The Board of Occupational Therapy, created under part  
69 III of chapter 468.

70 16. Respiratory therapy, as provided under part V of  
71 chapter 468.

72 17. Dietetics and nutrition practice, as provided under  
73 part X of chapter 468.

74 18. The Board of Athletic Training, created under part XIII  
75 of chapter 468.

76 19. The Board of Orthotists and Prosthetists, created under  
77 part XIV of chapter 468.

78 20. The Board of Applied Behavior Analysis, created under  
79 chapter 470.

80 ~~21.20.~~ Electrolysis, as provided under chapter 478.

81 ~~22.21.~~ The Board of Massage Therapy, created under chapter  
82 480.

83 ~~23.22.~~ The Board of Clinical Laboratory Personnel, created  
84 under part III of chapter 483.

85 ~~24.23.~~ Medical physicists, as provided under part IV of  
86 chapter 483.

87 ~~25.24.~~ The Board of Opticianry, created under part I of

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88 chapter 484.

89 ~~26.25.~~ The Board of Hearing Aid Specialists, created under  
90 part II of chapter 484.

91 ~~27.26.~~ The Board of Physical Therapy Practice, created  
92 under chapter 486.

93 ~~28.27.~~ The Board of Psychology, created under chapter 490.

94 ~~29.28.~~ School psychologists, as provided under chapter 490.

95 ~~30.29.~~ The Board of Clinical Social Work, Marriage and  
96 Family Therapy, and Mental Health Counseling, created under  
97 chapter 491.

98 ~~31.30.~~ Emergency medical technicians and paramedics, as  
99 provided under part III of chapter 401.

100 Section 2. Subsection (4) of section 456.001, Florida  
101 Statutes, is amended to read:

102 456.001 Definitions.—As used in this chapter, the term:

103 (4) "Health care practitioner" means any person licensed  
104 under chapter 457; chapter 458; chapter 459; chapter 460;  
105 chapter 461; chapter 462; chapter 463; chapter 464; chapter 465;  
106 chapter 466; chapter 467; part I, part II, part III, part V,  
107 part X, part XIII, or part XIV of chapter 468; chapter 470;  
108 chapter 478; chapter 480; part III or part IV of chapter 483;  
109 chapter 484; chapter 486; chapter 490; or chapter 491.

110 Section 3. Section 456.0135, Florida Statutes, is amended  
111 to read:

112 456.0135 General background screening provisions.—

113 (1) An application for initial licensure received on or  
114 after January 1, 2013, under chapter 458, chapter 459, chapter  
115 460, chapter 461, chapter 464, ~~or~~ s. 465.022, or chapter 470  
116 shall include fingerprints pursuant to procedures established by

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117 the department through a vendor approved by the Department of  
118 Law Enforcement and fees imposed for the initial screening and  
119 retention of fingerprints. Fingerprints must be submitted  
120 electronically to the Department of Law Enforcement for state  
121 processing, and the Department of Law Enforcement shall forward  
122 the fingerprints to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for  
123 national processing. Each board, or the department if there is  
124 no board, shall screen the results to determine if an applicant  
125 meets licensure requirements. For any subsequent renewal of the  
126 applicant's license that requires a national criminal history  
127 check, the department shall request the Department of Law  
128 Enforcement to forward the retained fingerprints of the  
129 applicant to the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

130 (2) All fingerprints submitted to the Department of Law  
131 Enforcement as required under subsection (1) shall be retained  
132 by the Department of Law Enforcement as provided under s.  
133 943.05(2)(g) and (h) and (3). The department shall notify the  
134 Department of Law Enforcement regarding any person whose  
135 fingerprints have been retained but who is no longer licensed.

136 (3) The costs of fingerprint processing, including the cost  
137 for retaining fingerprints, shall be borne by the applicant  
138 subject to the background screening.

139 Section 4. Chapter 470, Florida Statutes, is created and  
140 entitled "Behavior Analysts."

141 Section 5. Section 470.40, Florida Statutes, is created to  
142 read:

143 470.40 Purpose.—The Legislature finds that the practice of  
144 applied behavior analysis in this state by unskilled and  
145 incompetent practitioners presents a danger to the health and

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146 safety of the public. The Legislature finds further that it is  
147 difficult for the public to make informed choices about behavior  
148 analysts and that the consequences of a wrong choice could  
149 endanger public health. This act is intended to protect the  
150 public from the harmful conduct of unqualified, unprofessional,  
151 or unethical behavior analysts.

152 Section 6. Section 470.41, Florida Statutes, is created to  
153 read:

154 470.41 Definitions.—As used in this chapter, the term:

155 (1) "Applied behavior analysis" means the design,  
156 implementation, and evaluation of environmental modifications,  
157 using behavioral stimuli and consequences, to produce socially  
158 significant improvement in human behavior, including, but not  
159 limited to, the use of direct observation, measurement, and  
160 functional analysis of the relations between environment and  
161 behavior. The term does not include psychological testing, the  
162 diagnosis of a mental or physical disorder, neuropsychology,  
163 psychotherapy, cognitive therapy, sex therapy, psychoanalysis,  
164 hypnotherapy, or long-term counseling.

165 (2) "Board" means the Board of Applied Behavior Analysis  
166 established in s. 470.415, except when the term is used in the  
167 context of board certification.

168 (3) "Board-certified behavior analyst" means a practitioner  
169 who is certified as a behavior analyst, or is recognized as a  
170 Florida-certified behavior analyst, by the national Behavior  
171 Analyst Certification Board (BACB).

172 (4) "Board-certified assistant behavior analyst" means a  
173 practitioner who is certified by the national Behavior Analyst  
174 Certification Board, as an assistant behavior analyst.

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175 (5) "Department" means the Department of Health.

176 (6) "Licensed behavior analyst" means an individual who is  
177 licensed by the board and meets the requirements of this  
178 chapter.

179 (7) "Licensed assistant behavior analyst" means an  
180 individual who is licensed by the board as an assistant behavior  
181 analyst and meets the requirements of this chapter.

182 Section 7. Section 470.415, Florida Statutes, is created to  
183 read:

184 470.415 Board of Applied Behavior Analysis.—

185 (1) The Board of Applied Behavior Analysis is created  
186 within the department. The board consists of seven members  
187 appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate.

188 (2) The initial board members, who are not required to be  
189 licensed as a condition of appointment, shall be appointed as  
190 follows:

191 (a) Three board-certified behavior analysts, two of whom  
192 must hold a doctoral level degree. One shall be appointed to a  
193 4-year term, one shall be appointed to a 2-year term, and one  
194 shall be appointed to a 1-year term;

195 (b) One board-certified assistant behavior analyst, who  
196 shall be appointed to a 3-year term;

197 (c) One psychologist licensed pursuant to chapter 490 or  
198 one clinical social worker, marriage and family therapist, or  
199 mental health counselor licensed pursuant to chapter 491, who  
200 shall be appointed to a 3-year term. The majority of the  
201 appointee's professional practice must be related to the  
202 treatment of behavior disorders, including, but not limited to,  
203 autism spectrum disorders; and

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204 (d) Two laypersons, who may include a parent or guardian of  
205 an individual who is a recipient of applied behavior analysis  
206 services, one of whom shall serve a 4-year term, and one of whom  
207 shall serve a 2-year term.

208 (3) As the terms of the initial members expire, the  
209 Governor shall appoint successors for 4-year terms. Each  
210 successor, except for the laypersons, must be licensed. A member  
211 may not serve more than two consecutive terms.

212 Section 8. Section 470.42, Florida Statutes, is created to  
213 read:

214 470.42 Rulemaking authority.—

215 (1) The board has authority to adopt rules pursuant to ss.  
216 120.536(1) and 120.54 to implement the provisions of this  
217 chapter conferring duties upon it. Such rules must include, but  
218 are not limited to, rules relating to:

219 (a) Standards of practice for licensed behavior analysts  
220 and licensed assistant behavior analysts.

221 (b) Supervision of licensed assistant behavior analysts, or  
222 students in training to be licensed behavior analysts or  
223 licensed assistant behavior analysts, including the number of  
224 persons that a licensed behavior analyst or licensed assistant  
225 behavior analyst may supervise at one time.

226 (2) The department may adopt rules to implement the  
227 provisions of this chapter conferring duties upon it. Such rules  
228 shall include, but are not limited to, rules relating to  
229 licensure and license renewal applications, processes, and fees.

230 Section 9. Section 470.43, Florida Statutes, is created to  
231 read:

232 470.43 Licensure.—



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233 (1) The department shall license an applicant as a behavior  
234 analyst if the applicant:

235 (a) Submits a completed application to the department using  
236 a form approved by the board;

237 (b) Remits the appropriate fees;

238 (c) Has passed a criminal background check after submitting  
239 fingerprints and a fee pursuant to s. 456.0135; and

240 (d) Submits proof that the applicant is a board-certified  
241 behavior analyst.

242 (2) The department shall license an applicant as an  
243 assistant behavior analyst if the applicant:

244 (a) Submits a completed application to the department using  
245 a form approved by the board;

246 (b) Remits the appropriate fees;

247 (c) Has passed a criminal background check after submitting  
248 fingerprints and a fee pursuant to s. 456.0135;

249 (d) Submits proof to the department that the applicant is a  
250 board-certified assistant behavior analyst; and

251 (e) Identifies a supervising licensed behavior analyst who  
252 is qualified to supervise the applicant under BACB requirements  
253 and this chapter.

254 Section 10. Section 470.44, Florida Statutes, is created to  
255 read:

256 470.44 Renewal of license.—

257 (1) The department shall renew a license upon receipt of  
258 proof that the applicant is certified by the BACB and a  
259 completed renewal application and fee.

260 (2) The department shall adopt rules establishing a  
261 procedure for the biennial renewal of licenses.

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262       (3) The board shall by rule prescribe continuing education  
263 not to exceed 32 hours required biennially as a condition for  
264 renewal of a license as a behavior analyst, or not to exceed 20  
265 hours required biennially as a condition for renewal of a  
266 license as an assistant behavior analyst. The criteria for  
267 continuing education programs shall be approved by the board.  
268 The board may authorize by rule continuing education earned for  
269 BACB certification to be used to meet the continuing education  
270 requirements of this subsection.

271       Section 11. Section 470.45, Florida Statutes, is created to  
272 read:

273       470.45 Fees.—

274       (1) The board shall establish by rule a fee not to exceed  
275 \$100 for an application, \$300 for an initial license, or \$300  
276 for license renewal.

277       (2) All moneys collected by the department under this  
278 chapter shall be deposited in the Medical Quality Assurance  
279 Trust Fund as provided under s. 456.025.

280       Section 12. Section 470.46, Florida Statutes, is created to  
281 read:

282       470.46 Disciplinary actions.—

283       (1) The following acts constitute grounds for denial of a  
284 license or disciplinary action, as specified in s. 456.072(2):

285       (a) Attempting to obtain, obtaining, or renewing a license  
286 under this chapter by bribery or fraudulent misrepresentation or  
287 through an error of the board or the department.

288       (b) Having a license to practice a comparable profession  
289 revoked, suspended, or otherwise acted against, including the  
290 denial of certification or licensure by another state,

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291 territory, or country.

292 (c) Being convicted or found guilty of, regardless of  
293 adjudication, or having entered a plea of nolo contendere to, a  
294 crime in any jurisdiction which directly relates to the practice  
295 of his or her profession or the ability to practice his or her  
296 profession. However, in the case of a plea of nolo contendere,  
297 the board shall allow the person who is the subject of the  
298 disciplinary proceeding to present evidence in mitigation  
299 relevant to the underlying charges and circumstances surrounding  
300 the plea.

301 (d) False, deceptive, or misleading advertising or  
302 obtaining a fee or other thing of value on the representation  
303 that beneficial results from any treatment will be guaranteed.

304 (e) Advertising, practicing, or attempting to practice  
305 under a name other than one's own.

306 (f) Maintaining a professional association with any person  
307 who the applicant or licensee knows, or has reason to believe,  
308 is in violation of this chapter or of a rule of the department  
309 or the board.

310 (g) Knowingly aiding, assisting, procuring, or advising any  
311 nonlicensed person to hold himself or herself out as licensed  
312 under this chapter.

313 (h) Failing to perform any statutory or legal obligation  
314 placed upon a person licensed under this chapter.

315 (i) Willfully making or filing a false report or record;  
316 failing to file a report or record required by state or federal  
317 law; willfully impeding or obstructing the filing of a report or  
318 record; or inducing another person to make or file a false  
319 report or record or to impede or obstruct the filing of a report

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320 or record. Such report or record includes only a report or  
321 record which requires the signature of a person licensed under  
322 this chapter.

323 (j) Paying a kickback, rebate, bonus, or other remuneration  
324 for receiving a patient or client, or receiving a kickback,  
325 rebate, bonus, or other remuneration for referring a patient or  
326 client to another provider of applied behavior analysis services  
327 or to a provider of health care services or goods; referring a  
328 patient or client to oneself for services on a fee-paid basis  
329 when those services are already being paid for by some other  
330 public or private entity; or entering into a reciprocal referral  
331 agreement.

332 (k) Committing any act upon a patient or client which would  
333 constitute sexual battery or which would constitute sexual  
334 misconduct. Sexual misconduct shall be defined by rule by the  
335 board.

336 (l) Making misleading, deceptive, untrue, or fraudulent  
337 representations in the practice of applied behavior analysis.

338 (m) Soliciting patients or clients personally, or through  
339 an agent, through the use of fraud, intimidation, undue  
340 influence, or a form of overreaching or vexatious conduct.

341 (n) Failing to make available to a patient or client, upon  
342 written request, copies of test results, reports, or documents  
343 in the possession or under the control of the licensee which  
344 have been prepared for and paid for by the patient or client.

345 (o) Failing to respond within 30 days to a written  
346 communication from the department concerning any investigation  
347 by the department, or failing to make available any relevant  
348 records with respect to any investigation about the licensee's

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349 conduct or background.

350 (p) Being unable to practice the profession for which he or  
351 she is licensed under this chapter with reasonable skill or  
352 competence as a result of any mental or physical condition or by  
353 reason of illness; drunkenness; or excessive use of drugs,  
354 narcotics, chemicals, or any other substance. In enforcing this  
355 paragraph, upon a finding by the State Surgeon General, the  
356 State Surgeon General's designee, or the board that probable  
357 cause exists to believe that the licensee is unable to practice  
358 the profession because of the reasons stated in this paragraph,  
359 the department shall have the authority to compel a licensee to  
360 submit to a mental or physical examination by a physician  
361 designated by the department or board. If the licensee refuses  
362 to comply with such order, the department's order directing the  
363 examination may be enforced by filing a petition for enforcement  
364 in the circuit court in the circuit in which the licensee  
365 resides or does business. The licensee against whom the petition  
366 is filed may not be named or identified by initials in any  
367 public court records or documents, and the proceedings shall be  
368 closed to the public. The department shall be entitled to the  
369 summary procedure provided in s. 51.011. A licensee affected  
370 under this paragraph shall at reasonable intervals be afforded  
371 an opportunity to demonstrate that he or she can resume the  
372 competent practice for which he or she is licensed with  
373 reasonable skill and safety to patients.

374 (q) Performing any treatment or prescribing any therapy  
375 which, by the prevailing standards of the behavior analysts in  
376 the community, would constitute experimentation on human  
377 subjects, without first obtaining full, informed, and written

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378 consent.

379 (r) Failing to meet the minimum standards of performance in  
380 professional activities when measured against generally  
381 prevailing peer performance, including the undertaking of  
382 activities for which the licensee is not qualified by training  
383 or experience.

384 (s) Delegating professional responsibilities to a person  
385 whom the licensee knows or has reason to know is not qualified  
386 by training or experience to perform such responsibilities.

387 (t) Violating a rule relating to the regulation of the  
388 profession or a lawful order of the department or the board  
389 previously entered in a disciplinary hearing.

390 (u) Failure of the licensee to maintain in confidence a  
391 communication made by a patient or client in the context of such  
392 services.

393 (v) Making public statements which are derived from test  
394 data, client contacts, or behavioral research and which identify  
395 or damage research subjects or clients.

396 (w) Violating any provision of this chapter or chapter 456,  
397 or any rules adopted pursuant thereto.

398 (2) The board may enter an order denying licensure or  
399 imposing any of the penalties in s. 456.072(2) against any  
400 applicant for licensure or licensee who is found guilty of  
401 violating subsection (1) or who is found guilty of violating s.  
402 456.072(1).

403 Section 13. Section 470.47, Florida Statutes, is created to  
404 read:

405 470.47 Violations and penalties.-

406 (1) It is unlawful and a violation of this chapter for any

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407 person to engage in the practice of applied behavior analysis,  
408 assist in the practice of applied behavior analysis, render  
409 services designated as applied behavior analysis, or represent  
410 himself or herself as a practitioner of applied behavior  
411 analysis in this state unless she or he holds a valid, active  
412 license as a behavior analyst or assistant behavior analyst  
413 pursuant to this chapter. Any person who violates any provision  
414 of this subsection commits a felony of the third degree,  
415 punishable as provided under s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s.  
416 775.084.

417 (2) It is unlawful and a violation of this chapter for any  
418 person to use the following titles or any combination thereof,  
419 unless she or he holds a valid, active license as a behavior  
420 analyst or assistant behavior analyst pursuant to this chapter:

421 (a) "Licensed behavior analyst."

422 (b) "Licensed assistant behavior analyst."

423 (3) Any person who violates any provision of subsection (2)  
424 commits a misdemeanor of the second degree, punishable as  
425 provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083.

426 Section 14. Section 470.48, Florida Statutes, is created to  
427 read:

428 470.48 Exceptions to applicability.—This chapter does not  
429 prohibit or restrict the practice of the following:

430 (1) An individual licensed pursuant to chapter 458 or  
431 chapter 459.

432 (2) An individual licensed pursuant to part III of chapter  
433 468 if the occupational therapist does not represent himself or  
434 herself as a behavior analyst.

435 (3) An individual licensed under chapter 490 to practice

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436 psychology.

437 (4) An individual licensed pursuant to chapter 491 as a  
438 clinical social worker, marriage and family therapist, or mental  
439 health counselor.

440 (5) A certified teacher authorized to practice in this  
441 state who is not a behavior analyst if he or she does not  
442 represent himself or herself as a behavior analyst. The services  
443 provided by a certified teacher must be within his or her  
444 authorized scope of practice and within the scope of his or her  
445 education, training, and experience and must be provided in the  
446 course of his or her employment in a program approved by the  
447 Department of Education. Teaching assistants, other than those  
448 engaged in pupil personnel services, and student support  
449 professionals are exempt from the requirements of this chapter  
450 if they provide applied behavior analysis services under the  
451 supervision of a certified teacher who meets the requirements of  
452 this subsection.

453 (6) A behavior analyst or assistant behavior analyst who  
454 practices with nonhuman clients, including, but not limited to,  
455 applied animal behaviorists and animal trainers.

456 (7) An individual who teaches applied behavior analysis or  
457 who conducts behavior analytic research if such teaching or  
458 research does not involve the delivery of applied behavior  
459 analysis.

460 (8) A matriculated college or university student or  
461 postdoctoral fellow whose activities are part of a defined  
462 behavior analysis program of study, practicum, or intensive  
463 practicum if his or her practice under this subsection is  
464 directly supervised by a licensed behavior analyst or an



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465 instructor of course sequence approved by the Behavior Analyst  
466 Certification Board (BACB). A student or intern may not  
467 represent himself or herself as a professional behavior analyst  
468 but may use a title indicating his or her trainee status, such  
469 as "behavior analyst student," "behavior analyst intern," or  
470 "behavior analyst trainee."

471 (9) An unlicensed individual pursuing supervised  
472 experiential training to meet eligibility requirements for BACB  
473 certification if such training is supervised by a licensed  
474 behavior analyst or a licensed assistant behavior analyst who  
475 meets BACB supervisor requirements and if the supervised  
476 experience is conducted in accordance with other BACB standards  
477 and requirements.

478 (10) A family member of a recipient of applied behavior  
479 analysis services who implements certain procedures with the  
480 recipient. Such a family member may not represent himself or  
481 herself as a licensed behavior analyst or a licensed assistant  
482 behavior analyst.

483 (11) A behavior analyst or assistant behavior analyst who  
484 provides general behavior analysis services to organizations if  
485 the services are for the benefit of the organizations and do not  
486 involve direct services to individuals.

487 (12) A salaried employee of a private, nonprofit  
488 organization providing behavior analysis services to children,  
489 youth, and families if the services are provided for no charge,  
490 the employee is performing duties for which he or she was  
491 trained and hired, and the employee does not represent himself  
492 or herself as a licensed behavior analyst or licensed assistant  
493 behavior analyst.

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494 (13) A school psychologist certified in school psychology  
495 by the Department of Education who performs behavior analysis  
496 services as an employee of a public or private educational  
497 institution. Such exemption does not authorize unlicensed  
498 practice that is not performed directly as an employee of an  
499 educational institution.

500 (14) A rabbi, priest, minister, or member of the clergy of  
501 a religious denomination or sect if engaging in activities that  
502 are within the scope of the performance of his or her regular or  
503 specialized ministerial duties and for which no separate fee is  
504 charged, or if such activities are performed, with or without a  
505 fee, for or under the auspices or sponsorship, individually or  
506 in conjunction with others, of an established and legally  
507 cognizable church, denomination, or sect; and if the person  
508 rendering service remains accountable to the established  
509 authority thereof.

510 Section 15. (1) For the 2014-2015 fiscal year, the sums of  
511 \$113,541 in recurring funds and \$37,911 in nonrecurring funds  
512 are appropriated from the Medical Quality Assurance Trust Fund  
513 to the Department of Health, and two full-time equivalent  
514 positions with associated salary rate of 70,359 are authorized,  
515 for the purpose of implementing the regulatory provisions of  
516 this act.

517 (2) For the 2015-2016 fiscal year, the sums of \$77,266 in  
518 recurring funds and \$26,592 in nonrecurring funds from the  
519 Medical Quality Assurance Trust Fund are appropriated to the  
520 Department of Health for the purpose of implementing the  
521 regulatory provisions of this act.

522 Section 16. This act shall take effect January 1, 2015.