

1 AN ACT relating to psychologists.

2 ***Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:***

3 ➔Section 1. KRS 319.020 is amended to read as follows:

- 4 (1) The board shall consist of eleven (11)~~nine (9)~~ members appointed by the  
5 Governor. Seven (7)~~Six (6)~~ members shall be licensed psychologists. Three  
6 (3)~~Two (2)~~ members shall be credentialed by the board as certified psychologists,  
7 licensed psychological practitioners, or licensed psychological associates. One (1)  
8 member shall be a citizen at large who is not associated with or financially  
9 interested in the practice or business regulated.
- 10 (2) Licensed psychologist members shall be appointed by the Governor from a group  
11 consisting of the three (3) nominees receiving the most votes for each position to be  
12 filled, the nominees to be selected by all licensed psychologists credentialed under  
13 this chapter from a list of eligible candidates prepared by the Kentucky  
14 Psychological Association. Candidates shall be solicited from all licensed  
15 psychologists credentialed according to the provisions of this chapter and each  
16 nominee shall be a licensed psychologist credentialed according to the provisions of  
17 this chapter. Each licensed psychologist member shall be a resident of this state and  
18 shall have engaged in the practice or teaching of psychology as a licensed  
19 psychologist for at least three (3) years in this state.
- 20 (3) Certified psychologist, licensed psychological practitioner, or licensed  
21 psychological associate members shall be appointed by the Governor from a group  
22 consisting of the three (3) nominees receiving the most votes for each position to be  
23 filled, the nominees to be selected by all certified psychologists, licensed  
24 psychological practitioners, and licensed psychological associates credentialed  
25 under this chapter from a list of eligible candidates prepared by the Kentucky  
26 Psychological Association. Candidates shall be solicited from all certified  
27 psychologists, licensed psychological practitioners, and licensed psychological

1 associates credentialed according to the provisions of this chapter. Each nominee  
 2 shall be a resident of this state, licensed according to the provisions of this chapter,  
 3 and shall have engaged in the practice or teaching of psychology as a certified  
 4 psychologist, licensed psychological practitioner, or licensed psychological  
 5 associate for at least three (3) years in this state.

6 (4) The term of each board member shall be four (4) years and until a successor is  
 7 appointed and qualified. No member shall serve more than two (2) consecutive full  
 8 terms. The Governor shall fill any vacancy occurring in the board in the manner  
 9 prescribed in subsection (2) of this section. Upon recommendation by a majority of  
 10 the board members and after notice and a hearing, the Governor shall remove any  
 11 member for incompetence, neglect of duty, or malfeasance in office.

12 (5) Six (6)~~Five (5)~~ members of the board shall constitute a quorum. Each member  
 13 shall receive one hundred dollars (\$100) per day for attending each meeting and  
 14 shall receive his or her necessary expenses incurred in the performance of the  
 15 duties required by this chapter. Annually the board shall elect one (1) of its licensed  
 16 members as chairperson for a term of one (1) year. No person shall serve more than  
 17 two (2) consecutive full terms as chairperson. The board shall meet at least twice  
 18 annually and at other times as it determines necessary. Special meetings may be  
 19 called by the chairperson and shall be called upon the written request of two (2)  
 20 members.

21 ➔Section 2. KRS 319.030 is amended to read as follows:

22 (1) On June 30 of each year, the board shall submit to the Governor and the Legislative  
 23 Research Commission and post on the board's website a written report that  
 24 includes:~~including~~

25 (a) The names of all persons to whom licenses have been granted as provided in  
 26 this chapter;

27 (b) Both the average and modal time it takes the board to issue or deny a

1 license after receipt of a complete initial application;

2 (c) Both the average and modal time between initiation of a disciplinary  
 3 complaint and the resolution of the complaint; and

4 (d) Any cases heard and decisions rendered.

5 (2) The board may locate its principal office, meet, or conduct any of its business at  
 6 any place in this state.

7 (3) The board shall keep a record of its proceedings and a register of licensed and  
 8 certified psychologists, licensed psychological practitioners, and licensed  
 9 psychological associates. The books and records of the board shall be prima facie  
 10 evidence of the matters therein contained.

11 ➔Section 3. KRS 319.050 is amended to read as follows:

12 (1) Before granting a license to practice psychology and to use the title "licensed  
 13 psychologist," the board shall require the applicant to pass examinations~~an~~  
 14 ~~examination~~ in psychology as outlined by the board and to fulfill all requirements  
 15 for supervised experience.

16 (2) The applicant shall:

17 (a) Pay a fee not to exceed three hundred dollars (\$300);

18 (b) Have received a doctoral degree in psychology that is acceptable to the board  
 19 from a regionally accredited educational institution; provided, however, the  
 20 board may grant a license to an individual otherwise qualified under this  
 21 chapter who has received a doctoral degree in psychology that is acceptable to  
 22 the board from an educational institution outside the United States, if the  
 23 educational institution would otherwise be accredited by a regional  
 24 accrediting body if located in the United States;

25 (c) Have passed the national EPPP examination at the doctoral level;~~and~~

26 (d) Have passed an examination in Kentucky mental health law;

27 (e) Have passed an examination in the practice of psychology as determined by

1           *the board; and*

2           (f) Have had at least two (2) years of supervised professional experience  
3           satisfactory to the board, one (1) year of which shall be an internship.

4       (3) (a) Upon acceptance of the application to sit for the examination in  
5           psychology;[;]

6           1. The board examination shall be scheduled to occur within thirty (30)  
7           to sixty (60) days, unless the applicant is unable to complete the  
8           examination process due to an accident, illness, or injury, the delay  
9           for which is approved by the board chair or the chair's designee. Any  
10          unapproved delay by the applicant to complete the examination  
11          process may result in the suspension of the applicant's temporary  
12          license until the examination process is completed; and

13          2. The applicant may practice psychology under the supervision of a  
14          licensed psychologist under conditions of supervision and temporary  
15          licensure established by the board.

16          (b) The board shall establish a grace period not to exceed one hundred eighty  
17          (180) days to allow for the employment and supervision of the applicant by an  
18          agency from the time the applicant's degree requirements are completed to the  
19          submission of the complete application. During this period of supervision, the  
20          applicant for licensure may not supervise certified psychologists, licensed  
21          psychological associates, other applicants for licensure, or temporarily  
22          licensed persons, nor shall the applicant[he] engage in an independent  
23          practice, except under the employment of his or her supervising psychologist.  
24          Upon certification to the board of completion of the two (2) years of  
25          supervision satisfactory to the board, the applicant shall be examined on  
26          psychological practice, ethical principles, and the law.

27       (4) The board shall grade and keep the examinations and results on file for one (1) year.

1        Upon written request to the board, an applicant may arrange to discuss his or her  
2        performance on the examination.

3        (5) Upon successful completion of the examination process, the board shall issue a  
4        license to practice psychology and the applicant may use the title "licensed  
5        psychologist."

6        (6) Licensed psychologists may function independently without supervision. Licensed  
7        psychologists who have the designation "health service provider" may retain that  
8        designation and may employ and supervise certified psychologists and licensed  
9        psychological associates. Licensed psychologists who have the designation "health  
10       service provider" may supervise no more than a total of six (6) certified  
11       psychologists, licensed psychological associates, or applicants for licensure at one  
12       (1) time.

13       (7) The designation "health service provider" shall be made on the license of those  
14       licensed psychologists who have completed one (1) additional year of supervised  
15       experience satisfactory to the board in health care service delivery. This year of  
16       supervised experience shall be in addition to the supervised experience requirement  
17       for licensure as a licensed psychologist. Health service providers may provide  
18       supervision of direct health care services by applicants for licensure, certified  
19       psychologists, and licensed psychological associates. Health service providers may  
20       supervise no more than a total of six (6) certified psychologists, licensed  
21       psychological associates, or applicants for licensure at one (1) time.