RECEIVED

1991 MAR 29 PM 4: 50

OFFICE OF WEST VIRGINIA
SECRETARY OF STATE

WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE

FIRST REGULAR SESSION, 1991

ENROLLED

Com Jul for HOUSE BILL No. 2765

(Bv- Mar ∋	Del. as	heralt)
(=)		7	,

Passed March 8, 1991
In Effect 90 Doys From Passage

® (GQU) C-641

RECEIVED

1991 MAR 29 PM 4: 50

OFFICE BY WEST VEGGANA
SECRETARY BY STATE

ENROLLED

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

FOR

H. B. 2765

(By Delegate Ashcraft)

[Passed March 8, 1991; in effect ninety days from passage.]

AN ACT to amend and reenact sections two, three, five, six and seven, article twenty-one, chapter thirty of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one. as amended: and to further amend said article by adding thereto six new sections, designated sections seven-a, seven-b, seven-c, seven-d, seven-e and eight-a. all relating to creating new definitions relating to the practice of school psychology; providing for license exemption in certain instances: requiring the addition of at least one licensed school psychologist to the board of examiners of psychologists; adding school psychologist examination to board duties and authorizing reasonable fees thereto; removing the reference to the specific amount of the application fee; creating eligibility requirements for certain levels of licensed school psychologists; addressing eligibility of school psychologists currently certified by the state board; defining eligibility of certain doctoral applicants; and specifying provisions for license renewal.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That sections two, three, five, six and seven, article twentyone, chapter thirty of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, be amended and reenacted; and that said article be further amended by adding thereto six new sections, designated sections seven-a, seven-b, seven-c, seven-d, seven-e and eight-a, all to read as follows:

ARTICLE 21. PSYCHOLOGISTS: SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGISTS.

§30-21-2. Definitions.

- Unless the context in which used clearly requires a different meaning, as used in this article:
- 3 (a) "Applicant" means any person making application 4 for an original or renewal license or a temporary permit 5 under the provisions of this article.
- 6 (b) "Licensee" means any person holding a license or a temporary permit issued under the provisions of this article.
- 9 (c) "Board" means the board of examiners of psychologists created by this article.
- 11 (d) "Psychology" means the science involving the 12 principles, methods and procedures of understanding, predicting and influencing behavior; the principles 13 14 pertaining to learning, perception, motivation, thinking, 15 emotions and interpersonal relationships; the methods 16 and procedures of interviewing and counseling; the 17 methods and procedures of psychotherapy, meaning the use of learning, conditioning methods and emotional 18 19 reactions, in a professional relationship, to assist a 20 person or persons to modify feelings, attitudes and 21behavior, which are intellectually, socially or emotion-22 ally maladjustive or ineffectual; the constructing, 23 administering and interpreting of tests of intelligence, 24special abilities, aptitudes, interests, attitudes, personal-25 ity characteristics, emotions and motivation; the psycho-26 logical evaluation, prevention and improvements of 27adjustment problems of individuals and groups; and the 28 resolution of interpersonal and social conflicts.
- (e) "Practice of psychology" means the rendering or offering to render for a fee, salary or other compensation, monetary or otherwise, any psychological service involving: (i) The application of the principles, methods and procedures of understanding, predicting and

influencing behavior; (ii) the application of the princi-ples pertaining to learning, perception, motivation, thinking, emotions and interpersonal relationships; (iii) the application of the methods and procedures of interviewing and counseling; (iv) the application of the methods and procedures of psychotherapy, meaning the use of learning, conditioning methods and emotional reactions, in a professional relationship, to assist a person or persons to modify feelings, attitudes and behavior, which are intellectually, socially or emotion-ally maladjustive or ineffectual: (v) the constructing. administering and interpreting of tests of intelligence. special abilities, aptitudes, interests, attitudes, personal-ity characteristics, emotions and motivation; (vi) the psychological evaluation, prevention and improvement of adjustment problems of individuals and groups; and (vii) the resolution of interpersonal and social conflicts.

However, for the purpose of this article, the term "practice of psychology" shall not include:

- (1) Teaching, lecturing or engaging in research in psychology as part of salaried employment at an institution of higher learning;
- (2) The official duties of a person employed as a psychologist by the state of West Virginia or any of its departments, agencies, divisions or bureaus, or local governments, except for the West Virginia department of education, a county board of education, or a regional education agency, which duties are performed under the direct and regular supervision of a licensee;
- (3) The official duties of a person employed as a psychologist by any department, agency, division or bureau of the United States of America;
- (4) The official duties of a person working under the direct and regular supervision of a licensee for the purpose of gaining the experience required for a license hereunder by the provisions of subdivision (4), subsection (a), section seven of this article, which experience is of a type approved by the board;
- 72 (5) The use, in good faith, of certain psychological

8485

8687

88

89

90

91

92

93

94 95

96

- 73 techniques, procedures, methods and principles as an 74incident to engaging in a recognized occupation or 75 profession, other than the practice of psychology, 76 including, but not limited to, the occupation or profes-77 sion of a physician, lawyer, dentist, social worker, sociologist, political scientist, economist, probation or 78 79 parole officer, rehabilitation or marriage counselor. 80 clergyman, audiologist, speech pathologist, teacher, educational or guidance counselor and a placement or 81 82 personnel director:
 - (6) The activities of a student of psychology, psychological intern or psychological resident, which activities are a part of and are engaged in pursuant to a course of study at an institution of higher learning; or
 - (7) The activities of an assistant or technician which are performed under the direct and regular supervision of a licensee.
 - (f) "Examination" means the examination in psychology required by subdivision (5), subsection (a), section seven of this article.
 - (g) "School psychological services" means the activities which school psychologists may engage in to promote mental health and to facilitate the education of school age children, which include, but are not limited to, the following:
- 98 (A) Consultation, which includes collaboration with 99 individuals and groups of school personnel, parents, 100 families and representatives of community agencies;
- 101 (B) Psychological and psychoeducational assessment, 102 which includes the gathering, interpreting and com-103 municating of information derived from the assessment 104 process which relates to learning and behavior;
- 105 (C) Intervention, which includes individual and group 106 counseling, behavioral intervention and crisis 107 intervention;
- 108 (D) Education, which includes parent training, school inservice and community education;
- (E) Facilitation, which includes assisting in develop-

- ing useful communication between diverse groups of 111 112 people separated by institutional, bureaucratic, educa-
- 113 tional or other barriers:

128

129

130

137

138

141

142

143

144

145

146

147

- 114 (F) Research, which includes designing, reporting 115 and utilizing the results of research of a psychological 116 nature:
- 117 (G) Program planning and evaluation, which includes 118 program development, program implementation, pro-119 gram evaluation and problem solving for organizational 120 decision making:
- 121 (H) Supervision, which includes the supervision of 122 intern school psychologists, other school psychologists 123 and personnel contracted to provide either psychological 124 or psychoeducational assessment data;
- 125 However, for the purpose of this article, the term "practice of school psychology" shall not include: 126
 - (1) The activities of clinical, counseling, child, industrial, health, and other types of psychology which the board determines to be outside the scope of school psychology activities:
- 131 (2) Teaching, lecturing or engaging in research in 132 school psychology as part of salaried employment at an 133 institution of higher learning;
- 134 (3) The official duties of a person employed as a school 135 psychologist by the state of West Virginia or any of its 136 departments, agencies, divisions or bureaus, or local governments, except for the West Virginia department of education, a county board of education, or a regional 139 education service agency, which duties are performed 140 under the direct and regular supervision of a licensee;
 - (4) The official duties of a person employed as a school psychologist by any department, agency, division or bureau of the United States of America:
 - (5) The official duties of a school psychologist working under the direct and regular supervision of a licensee for the purpose of gaining the experience required for a license hereunder by the provisions of subdivision (4). subsection (a), section seven of this article, which

166

167

168

169

170

171

172

173

174

175

176

177

178

179

- 149 experience is of a type approved by the board;
- 150 (6) The use, in good faith, of certain psychological 151 techniques, procedures, methods and principles as an 152 incident to engaging in a recognized occupation or 153 profession, other than the practice of school psychology, 154 including, but not limited to, the occupation or profes-155 sion of a physician, lawyer, dentist, social worker, 156 sociologist, political scientist, economist, probation or 157 parole officer, rehabilitation or marriage counselor, 158 clergyman, audiologist, speech pathologist, teacher, 159 educational or guidance counselor and placement or 160 personnel director;
- 161 (7) The activities of a student of school psychology, 162 school psychological intern or extern, which activities 163 are a part of and are engaged in pursuant to a course 164 of study at an institution of higher learning;
 - (8) The activities of an assistant or technician which are performed under the direct and regular supervision of a licensee.
 - (h) "Practice of school psychology" means the rendering or offering to render for a fee, salary or other compensation to an individual or to the public school psychological services as defined in this article;
 - (i) "School psychologist" means any person who proposes to provide school psychological services as defined herein, to the public and in so doing claims to have the knowledge, training, expertise and ethical standards necessary to engage in such practice;
 - (j) "School board" means a West Virginia county school board and also means the West Virginia department of education, or a regional educational service agency;
- (k) "School board employee" means any person who provides services for the school board and is reimbursed via a salary and benefits and who has met the educational requirements under the state law and regulations of the West Virginia board of education to be certified or otherwise empowered by the state superintendent of schools to provide school psychological services for

- 188 school boards;
- (l) "School board contractee" means any person who provides services for one or more school boards and is reimbursed on a per evaluation, per unit of service, or some other contract basis;
- 193 (m) "School psychologist resident" means a school 194 psychologist who provides school psychology services on 195 a school board property and is a school board employee;
- 196 (n) "Licensed school psychologist" means a school 197 psychologist who provides school psychology services on 198 school board property and is a school board employee 199 or contractee;
- 200 (o) "Licensed school psychologist independent practi-201 tioners" means a school psychologist who provides school 202 psychology services to an individual or the public on 203 school board or nonschool board property, and provide 204 such services for a fee or other compensation, or as a 205 school board employee or contractee.

§30-21-3. License required; firms, associations and corporations engaging in the practice of psychology.

(a) No person shall engage in, offer to engage in, or 1 2 hold himself out to the public as being engaged in, the practice of psychology in this state, nor shall any person 3 use in connection with any trade, business, profession or 4 5 occupation, except in those instances specifically 6 excluded from the definition of the practice of psychology by subparagraphs (1), (2), (3), (4) and (6), subdivision 7 (e), section two of this article, the word "psychologist," 8 9 "psychology," "psychological" or any other title, word or 10 abbreviation which induces or tends to induce the belief 11 that such person is qualified to engage or is engaged in 12 the practice of psychology, unless and until he shall first 13 obtain a license or temporary permit to engage in the 14 practice of psychology in accordance with the provisions 15 of this article, which license or temporary permit 16 remains unexpired, unsuspended and unrevoked: Pro-17 vided. That such license or temporary permit shall not be required for an individual who is the holder of a 18

- 19 school psychology certificate issued by the West Virgi-20 nia department of education and who is engaged in the 21practice of school psychology solely within the scope of 22 employment as a school board employee: Provided, 23 however, That no such license or temporary permit shall be required for a psychologist who is not a resident of 2425 this state, who is the holder of a license or certificate 26 to engage in the practice of psychology issued by a state 27 with licensing or certification requirements determined by the board to be at least as great as those provided 28
- this state and who engages in the practice of psychology in this state for a period of not more than ten days in

in this article, who has no regular place of practice in

32 any calendar year.

29

12

33 (b) No firm, association or corporation shall, except 34 through a licensee or licensees, render any service or 35 engage in any activity which if rendered or engaged in 36 by any individual would constitute the practice of 37 psychology.

§30-21-5. Creation of board of examiners of psychologists; members, terms, meetings, officers, oath and compensation; general provisions.

- (a) There is hereby created the state board of examin-1 2 ers of psychologists which shall be composed of five 3 members appointed by the governor by and with the 4 advice and consent of the Senate. Each member shall 5 have been actively engaged in the practice of psychology 6 or in the teaching of psychology in the state of West 7 Virginia for at least two years immediately preceding 8 his appointment and shall be the holder of a license 9 under the provisions of this article, or, in the case of the members first appointed, shall be eligible for such a 10 11 license: Provided, That at least one member of the board
- 13 (b) The members of the board shall be appointed for 14 overlapping terms of three years each and until their 15 respective successors have been appointed and have 16 qualified, except for the original appointments. For the 17 purpose of original appointments, two members shall be 18 appointed for a term of three years and until their

shall be a licensed school psychologist.

successors have been appointed and have qualified, two 19 members shall be appointed for a term of two years and 20 21until their successors have been appointed and have 22 qualified and one member shall be appointed for a term 23 of one year and until his successor has been appointed and has qualified. Members may be reappointed for any 24number of terms. Before entering upon the performance 25 of his duties, each member shall take and subscribe to 26 27 the oath required by section five, article four of the 28 constitution of this state. Vacancies shall be filled by appointment by the governor for the unexpired term of 29 the member whose office shall be vacant and such 30 appointment shall be made within sixty days of the 3132 occurrence of such vacancy. Any member may be 33 removed by the governor in case of incompetency, neglect of duty, gross immorality or malfeasance in 34 office. 35

(c) The board shall elect from its membership a 36 chairman and secretary who shall serve at the will and 37 pleasure of the board. A majority of the members of the 38 39 board shall constitute a quorum and meetings shall be held at the call of the chairman or upon the written 40 request of three members at such time and place as 41 42 designated in such call or request, and, in any event, the 43 board shall meet at least once annually to conduct the 44 examination hereinafter provided for and to transact 45 such other business as may come before it. Members 46 may be paid such reasonable compensation as the board 47 may from time to time determine, and in addition may 48 be reimbursed for all reasonable and necessary expenses 49 actually incurred in the performance of their duties, 50 which compensation and expenses shall be paid in 51 accordance with the provisions of subsection (b), section 52 six of this article.

§30-21-6. Powers and duties of board; funds of board.

(a) The board shall:

- 2 (1) Examine applicants and determine their eligibil-
- 3 ity for a license or temporary permit to engage in the
- 4 practice of psychology;
- 5 (2) Examine applicants and determine their eligibil-

- 6 ity for a license or temporary permit to engage in the 7 practice of school psychology as a licensed school 8 psychologist and/or licensed school psychologist inde-9 pendent practitioner.
- 10 (3) Prepare, conduct and grade an apt and proper 11 written, oral or written and oral examination of 12 applicants for a license and determine the satisfactory
- 13 passing score thereon;

27

28

29

30

31

32

33

34

35

36

37

38

39

40

41

- 14 (4) Promulgate reasonable rules and regulations 15 implementing the provisions of this article and the powers and duties conferred upon the board hereby. 16 17 including, but not limited to, reasonable rules and 18 regulations establishing standards to insure the proper 19 supervision of all persons working under the direct and 20 regular supervision of a licensee under the provisions of 21 this article, all of which reasonable rules and regula-22 tions shall be promulgated in accordance with the 23 provisions of article three, chapter twenty-nine-a of this 24code, set reasonable fees and record them in legislative 25 rules, Title 17, Series 1.
 - (5) Issue, renew, deny, suspend or revoke licenses and temporary permits to engage in the practice of psychology in accordance with the provisions of this article and, in accordance with the administrative procedures hereinafter provided, may review, affirm, reverse, vacate or modify its order with respect to any such denial, suspension or revocation;
 - (6) Investigate alleged violations of the provisions of this article, reasonable rules and regulations promulgated hereunder and orders and final decisions of the board and take appropriate disciplinary action against any licensee for the violation thereof or institute appropriate legal action for the enforcement of the provisions of this article, reasonable rules and regulations promulgated hereunder and orders and final decisions of the board or take such disciplinary action and institute such legal action;
- 43 (7) Employ, direct, discharge and define the duties of 44 full or part-time professional, clerical or other personnel 45 necessary to effectuate the provisions of this article;

- 46 (8) Keep accurate and complete records of its proceed-47 ings, certify the same as may be appropriate, and 48 prepare, from time to time, a list showing the names and 49 addresses of all licensees;
- 50 (9) Whenever it deems it appropriate, confer with the 51 attorney general or his assistants in connection with all 52 legal matters and questions; and
- 53 (10) Take such other action as may be reasonably necessary or appropriate to effectuate the provisions of this article.
- 56 (b) All moneys paid to the board shall be accepted by 57 a person designated by the board and deposited by him 58 with the treasurer of the state and credited to an account to be known as the "board of examiners of 59 60 psychologists fund." All of the reasonable compensation 61 of the members of the board, the reimbursement of all 62 reasonable and necessary expenses actually incurred by 63 such members and all other costs and expenses incurred 64 by the board in the administration of this article shall 65 be paid from such fund, and no part of the state's 66 general revenue fund shall be expended for this purpose.

§30-21-7. Qualifications of applicants; exceptions; applications; fee.

- 1 (a) To be eligible for a license to engage in the 2 practice of psychology, the applicant must:
- 3 (1) Be at least eighteen years of age;
- 4 (2) Be of good moral character;
- 5 (3) Be a holder of a doctor of philosophy degree or its 6 equivalent or a master's degree in psychology from an 7 accredited institution of higher learning, with adequate 8 course study at such institution in psychology, the 9 adequacy of any such course study to be determined by 10 the board;
- 11 (4) When the degree held is a doctor of philosophy 12 degree or its equivalent, have at least one year's 13 experience subsequent to receiving said degree in the 14 performance of any of the psychological services 15 described in subdivision (e), section two of this article,

31

32

33

34

35

36

37

38

39

- 16 including those activities excluded from the definition
- of the term "practice of psychology" in said subdivision
- 18 (e), and, when the degree held is a master's degree, have
- 19 at least five years' experience subsequent to receiving
- 20 said degree in the performance of any of the psycholog-
- 21 ical services described in said subdivision (e), including
- 22 those activities excluded from the definition of the term
- 23 "practice of psychology" in said subdivision (e);
- 24 (5) Have passed the examination prescribed by the 25 board, which examination shall cover the basic subject 26 matter of psychology and psychological skills and 27 techniques:
- 28 (6) Not have been convicted of a felony or crime involving moral turpitude; and
 - (7) Not, within the next preceding six months, have taken and failed to pass the examination required by subdivision (5), subsection (a) of this section.
 - (b) The following persons shall be eligible for a license to engage in the practice of psychology without examination:
 - (1) Any applicant who holds a doctor of philosophy degree or its equivalent from an institution of higher learning, with adequate course study at such institution in psychology and who is a diplomate of the "American Board of Examiners in Professional Psychology"; and
- 41 (2) Any person who holds a license or certificate to 42 engage in the practice of psychology issued by any other 43 state, the requirements for which license or certificate 44 are found by the board to be at least as great as those 45 provided in this article.
- 46 (c) Any person who is engaged in the practice of psychology in this state, or is engaged in any of the 47activities described in subdivision (e), (1), (2) or (3), 48 49 section two of this article, in this state, on the effective 50 date of this article and has been so engaged for a period 51 of two consecutive years immediately prior thereto shall 52 be eligible for a license to engage in the practice of 53 psychology without examination and without meeting 54 the requirements of subdivision (4), subsection (a) of this

- section, if application for such license is made within six months after the effective date of this article and if such person meets the requirements of subdivisions (1), (2), (3) and (6), subsection (a) of this section: *Provided*, That
- an equivalent of a master's degree in psychology may be considered by the board, only for the purpose of this subsection (c), as meeting the requirements of subdivi-
- 62 sion (3), subsection (a) of this section.
- 63 (d) Any applicant for any such license shall submit an
 64 application therefor at such time (subject to the time
 65 limitation set forth in subsection (c) of this section), in
 66 such manner, on such forms and containing such
 67 information as the board may from time to time by
 68 reasonable rule and regulation prescribe, and pay to the
 69 board an application fee.

§30-21-7a. Eligibility for school psychologist resident.

- 1 (a) To qualify as a school psychologist resident the 2 applicant must have obtained a master's degree in 3 school psychology from a board approved graduate 4 program within a board approved institution of higher 5 education.
- 6 (b) If such individuals are employed by school 7 board(s) to practice school psychology, they may, within 8 sixty days of the initiation of their employment, register 9 with the board and pay a reasonable fee.

§30-21-7b. Eligibility for licensed school psychologist.

- To meet minimum requirements for this license the applicant must:
- 3 (1) Have obtained a valid certificate of school psychol4 ogy granted by the state superintendent of schools, have
 5 obtained a certificate of advanced study in school
 6 psychology and obtained a master's degree in school
 7 psychology from a board approved institution of higher
 8 education, or have received equivalent training as
 9 determined by the board;
- 10 (2) Have completed at least three academic years of 11 supervised experience in school psychology which 12 includes a one year post degree internship or externship

Enr. Com. Sub. for H. B. 2765] 14

- towards completion of the requirements for a certificate 13
- 14 of advance study in school psychology or similar
- 15 designation approved by the board: Provided, That such
- 16 supervised experience shall include at least one face to
- 17 face meeting between the supervisor and supervisee per
- 18 month.
- 19 (3) Have passed a standardized national examination
- 20 in school psychology promulgated by the National
- 21 Association of School Psychologists or other similar
- 22 organizations and approved as a standardized testing
- 23 vehicle for school psychologists by the board;
- 24 (4) Have passed an oral examination conducted by the
- 25 board; and
- 26 (5) Complete appropriate application and other forms.
- 27 provide evidence of credentials, and pay appropriate
- 28 fees as determined by the board.

§30-21-7c. Eligibility for licensed school psychologist independent practitioner.

- 1 (1) Such applicants shall meet all the minimum
- 2 requirements for eligibility as a licensed school
- 3 psychologist;
- 4 (2) Complete an additional two years of board ap-
- 5 proved supervision by a licensed school psychologist; and
- 6 (3) Pass an oral examination conducted by the board.

§30-21-7d. Eligibility for current school psychologist.

- (1) Any person who holds a current certificate of
- 1 2 advanced study and has the equivalent of three aca-
- 3 demic years experience in school psychology or any
- 4 licensed psychologist who has been approved by the
- 5 state department of education on the effective date of
- 6 this section shall not be required to comply with the
- 7 provisions of section seven-b, article twenty-one, chapter
- 8 thirty of this code. Such persons shall submit approp-9 riate documentation of credentials to the board, appli-
- cation form, and pay an application fee: Provided, That 10
- 11 such applicants pass an oral exam given by the board 12 of psychology.

13 (2) Such persons seeking eligibility as a licensed 14 school psychologist independent practitioner must meet 15 the provisions of section seven-b of this article, must 16 have completed the equivalency of two years supervised 17 experience and shall complete an oral examination 18 before the board, submit required documentation, pay 19 appropriate fees and complete additional supervision 20 and training requirements as determined by the board. Applicants seeking eligibility pursuant to this section 21 22 must make application on or before the first day of July.

§30-21-7e. Eligibility of doctoral applicants.

one thousand nine hundred ninety-two.

23

1 Applicants with a doctorate of philosophy degree or 2 its equivalent who apply for licensure as a school 3 psychologist must complete one year of board-approved 4 supervision or two years of such supervision if they have 5 not had an internship, pass a standardized national 6 examination in school psychology as defined in subdivi-7 sion (3), section seven-b of this article, pass an oral 8 examination given by the board, and pay appropriate 9 fees.

§30-21-8a. Issuance of license; renewal of license; renewal fee; display of license.

1 On and after the first day of July, one thousand nine 2 hundred ninety-one and thereafter, whenever the board 3 finds that applicants meet all of the requirements of this 4 article for a license to engage in the practice of school 5 psychology, it shall forthwith issue to them such 6 licenses: and otherwise the board shall deny the same. 7 The license shall be valid for a period of three years from the date issued and may be renewed for a period 8 9 of three years without examination upon application for 10 renewal on a form prescribed by the board and payment 11 to the board of a renewal fee: Provided, That the board 12 may deny an application for renewal for any reason 13 which would justify the denial of an original application 14 for a license. The board shall prescribe the form of 15 licenses and each license shall be conspicuously dis-16 played by the licensee at the licensee's principal place 17 of practice.

Enr. Com. Sub. for H. B. 2765] 16

® GCIU C-641

the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled. Chairman Senate Committee Chairman House Committee Originating in the House. Takes affect ninety days from passage the Senate President of the Senate Speaker of the House of Delegates The within approved this the 29th Annihor day of March

The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that

- KESENIED TO THE

GOVERNOR,
Date 3/20/9/
Time 4:30 pu