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MR. SPEAKER:

I move that Engrossed Senate Bill 124 be amended to read as follows:

- 1 Page 3, after line 37, begin a new paragraph and insert:
2 "SECTION 4. IC 25-23.6-8.5-1 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
3 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1999]: Sec. 1. (a) An individual
4 who applies for a license as a mental health counselor must meet the
5 following requirements:
6 (1) **Except as provided in subsection (b)**, furnish satisfactory
7 evidence to the board that the individual has:
8 (A) received a master's or doctor's degree in an area related
9 to mental health counseling from:
10 (i) an institution of higher education that meets the
11 requirements under section 2 of this chapter; or
12 (ii) a foreign school that has a program of study that
13 meets the requirements under section 2 of this chapter;
14 (B) completed the educational requirements under section
15 3 of this chapter; and
16 (C) completed the experience requirements under section 4
17 of this chapter.
18 (2) Furnish satisfactory evidence to the board that the individual
19 does not have a conviction for a crime that has a direct bearing
20 on the individual's ability to practice competently.
21 (3) Furnish satisfactory evidence to the board that the individual
22 has not been the subject of a disciplinary action by a licensing or
23 certification agency of another state or jurisdiction on the
24 grounds that the individual was not able to practice as a mental
25 health counselor without endangering the public.
26 (4) Pass an examination provided by the board.

1 (5) Pay the fee established by the board.
2 **(b) If the applicant demonstrates sufficient experience and**
3 **knowledge in the practice of mental health counseling, the board**
4 **may waive or modify the requirements under subsection (a)(1).**

5 SECTION 5. P.L.147-1997, SECTION 79, IS AMENDED TO
6 READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]: (a) The
7 definitions under IC 25-23.6, as amended by this act, apply throughout
8 this SECTION.

9 (b) The board shall exempt an individual from the requirement
10 under IC 25-23.6, as amended by this act, and grant the individual a
11 mental health counselor license if the individual meets the following
12 requirements:

13 (1) Submits an application to the board before ~~July~~ **December 1,**
14 **1999.**

15 (2) Has:

16 **(A) at least twenty (20) years of mental health**
17 **counseling experience in a joint commission accredited**
18 **agency and has a bachelor's degree in psychology; or**
19 **(B) a master's or doctor's degree from an institution of**
20 **higher learning in at least one (1) of the following areas:**

21 ~~(A)~~ **(i) Counseling.**

22 ~~(B)~~ **(ii) Clinical or counseling psychology.**

23 ~~(C)~~ **(iii) Mental health.**

24 ~~(D)~~ **(iv) Applied human development.**

25 **(v) Psychology.**

26 (3) Presents evidence that the applicant is credentialed by a
27 national organization that provides private credentialing in
28 mental health counseling.

29 (4) Presents evidence from employers or professional colleagues
30 that the applicant has at least five (5) years of mental health
31 counseling practice within the ten (10) years preceding the date
32 of application.

33 (5) Pays the fee required by the board.

34 (6) Has not had a license, certificate, or registration in mental
35 health counseling or a related profession suspended or revoked
36 in any jurisdiction.

37 (7) Has not been convicted of a crime that has a direct bearing
38 on the individual's ability to practice competently.

39 (8) Presents evidence that the applicant has completed at least
40 two thousand (2,000) hours of supervised client counseling
41 before the date of application.

42 (c) The board shall exempt an individual from the requirement
43 under IC 25-23.6, as amended by this act, and grant the individual a
44 marriage and family therapist license if the individual has a current
45 certificate as a marriage and family therapist under IC 25-23.6 or
46 obtains this certificate no later than June 30, 1999.

47 (d) The board shall exempt an individual from the requirement
48 under IC 25-23.6, as amended by this act, and grant the individual a
49 social worker license if the individual has a current certificate as a
50 social worker under IC 25-23.6-5 or obtains this certificate no later
51 than June 30, 1999.

1 (e) The board shall exempt an individual from the requirement
 2 under IC 25-23.6, as amended by this act, and grant the individual a
 3 clinical social worker license if the individual has a current certificate
 4 as a clinical social worker issued under IC 25-23.6 or obtains this
 5 certificate no later than June 30, 1999.

6 (f) Notwithstanding subsections (c), (d), and (e), if the board has:

7 (1) taken a disciplinary action against the certificate of a:

8 (A) certified marriage and family therapist;

9 (B) certified social worker; or

10 (C) certified clinical social worker;

11 before July 1, 1997; and

12 (2) imposed sanctions against an individual under subdivision

13 (1);

14 and the sanctions imposed under subdivision (2) remain in place, the
 15 board shall review the file of each individual described in this
 16 subsection to determine whether to grant a license to the individual as
 17 provided in this act. The board may grant a license with any restrictions
 18 the board believes are appropriate to protect the public health.

19 (g) This SECTION expires ~~July~~ **December** 1, 1999.

20 **SECTION 6. An emergency is declared for this act."**

(Reference is to ESB 124 as printed March 30, 1999.)

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