

H. B. No. 477  
As Passed by the House

**Topic:** Counselors, social workers, and marriage and family therapists 1

\_\_\_\_\_ moved to amend as follows:

In line 2 of the title, delete the first "and"; after "3313.753" 2  
insert ", 4757.10, 4757.13, 4757.18, 4757.22, 4757.23, 4757.32, and 3  
4757.33, to enact section 4757.25," 4

In line 9 of the title, after "schools" insert "and to modify the 5  
laws regulating counselors, social workers, and marriage and family 6  
therapists" 7

In line 11, delete "and"; after "3313.753" insert ", 4757.10, 8  
4757.13, 4757.18, 4757.22, 4757.23, 4757.32, and 4757.33 be amended and 9  
section 4757.25"; delete "amended" and insert "enacted" 10

After line 720, insert: 11

"**Sec. 4757.10.** (A) The counselor, social worker, and 12  
marriage and family therapist board may adopt any rules 13  
necessary to carry out this chapter. 14

(B) The board shall adopt rules that do all of the 15



following:	16
<del>(A)</del> <u>(1)</u> Concern intervention for and treatment of any	17
impaired person holding a license or certificate of registration	18
issued under this chapter;	19
<del>(B)</del> <u>(2)</u> Establish standards for training and experience of	20
supervisors described in division (C) of section 4757.30 of the	21
Revised Code;	22
<del>(C)</del> <u>(3)</u> Define the requirement that an applicant be of	23
good moral character in order to be licensed or registered under	24
this chapter;	25
<del>(D)</del> <u>(4)</u> Establish requirements for criminal records checks	26
of applicants under section 4776.03 of the Revised Code;	27
<del>(E)</del> <u>(5)</u> Establish a graduated system of fines based on the	28
scope and severity of violations and the history of compliance,	29
not to exceed five hundred dollars per incident, that any	30
professional standards committee of the board may charge for a	31
disciplinary violation described in section 4757.36 of the	32
Revised Code;	33
<del>(F)</del> <u>(6)</u> Establish the amount and content of corrective	34
action courses required by the board under section <del>4755.36</del>	35
<u>4757.36</u> of the Revised Code;	36
<del>(G)</del> <u>(7)</u> Provide for voluntary registration of all of the	37
following:	38
<del>(1)</del> <u>(a)</u> Master's level counselor trainees enrolled in	39
practice and internships;	40
<del>(2)</del> <u>(b)</u> Master's level social worker trainees enrolled in	41
fieldwork, practice, and internships;	42

~~(3)~~ (c) Master's level marriage and family therapist 43  
trainees enrolled in practice and internships. 44

(8) Establish a schedule of deadlines for renewal. 45

(C) Rules adopted under division ~~(G)~~ (B) (7) of this 46  
section shall not require a trainee to register with the board, 47  
and if a trainee has not registered, shall prohibit any adverse 48  
effect with respect to a trainee's application for licensure by 49  
the board. 50

(D) All rules adopted under this section shall be adopted 51  
in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code. When it 52  
adopts rules under this section or any other section of this 53  
chapter, the board may consider standards established by any 54  
national association or other organization representing the 55  
interests of those involved in professional counseling, social 56  
work, or marriage and family therapy. 57

**Sec. 4757.13.** ~~(A) Each individual who engages in the 58  
practice of professional counseling, social work, or marriage 59  
and family therapy shall prominently display, in a conspicuous 60  
place in the office or place where a major portion of the 61  
individual's practice is conducted, and in such a manner as to 62  
be easily seen and read, the license granted to the individual 63  
by the state counselor, social worker, and marriage and family 64  
therapist board. 65~~

~~(B)~~ A person holding a license holder issued under this 66  
chapter who is engaged in a private individual practice, 67  
partnership, or group practice shall prominently display the 68  
license holder's fee schedule in the office or place where a 69  
major portion of the license holder's practice is conducted. The 70  
bottom of the first page of the fee schedule shall include the 71

following statement, which shall be followed by the name, 72  
address, and telephone number of the board: 73

"This information is required by the Counselor, Social 74  
Worker, and Marriage and Family Therapist Board, which regulates 75  
the practices of professional counseling, social work, and 76  
marriage and family therapy in this state." 77

**Sec. 4757.18.** The counselor, social worker, and marriage 78  
and family therapist board may enter into a reciprocal agreement 79  
with any state that regulates individuals practicing in the same 80  
capacities as those regulated under this chapter if the board 81  
finds that the state has requirements substantially equivalent 82  
to the requirements this state has for receipt of a license or 83  
certificate of registration under this chapter. In a reciprocal 84  
agreement, the board agrees to issue the appropriate license or 85  
certificate of registration to any resident of the other state 86  
whose practice is currently authorized by that state if that 87  
state's regulatory body agrees to authorize the appropriate 88  
practice of any resident of this state who holds a valid license 89  
or certificate of registration issued under this chapter. 90

~~The~~ Subject to section 4757.25 of the Revised Code, the 91  
professional standards committees of the board may, by 92  
endorsement, issue the appropriate license or certificate of 93  
registration to a resident of a state with which the board does 94  
not have a reciprocal agreement, if the person submits proof 95  
satisfactory to the committee of currently being licensed, 96  
certified, registered, or otherwise authorized to practice by 97  
that state. 98

**Sec. 4757.22.** (A) The counselors professional standards 99  
committee of the counselor, social worker, and marriage and 100  
family therapist board shall issue a license to practice as a 101

licensed professional clinical counselor to each applicant who 102  
submits a properly completed application, pays the fee 103  
established under section 4757.31 of the Revised Code, and meets 104  
the requirements specified in division (B) of this section. 105

(B) (1) To be eligible for a licensed professional clinical 106  
counselor license, an individual must meet the following 107  
requirements: 108

(a) The individual must be of good moral character. 109

(b) The individual must hold ~~from an accredited~~ 110  
~~educational institution~~ a graduate degree in counseling as 111  
described in division (B) (2) of this section. 112

(c) The individual must complete a minimum of ninety 113  
quarter hours or sixty semester hours of graduate credit in 114  
counselor training acceptable to the committee, including 115  
instruction in the following areas: 116

(i) Clinical psychopathology, personality, and abnormal 117  
behavior; 118

(ii) Evaluation of mental and emotional disorders; 119

(iii) Diagnosis of mental and emotional disorders; 120

(iv) Methods of prevention, intervention, and treatment of 121  
mental and emotional disorders. 122

(d) The individual must complete, in either a private or 123  
clinical counseling setting, supervised experience in counseling 124  
that is of a type approved by the committee, is supervised by a 125  
licensed professional clinical counselor or other qualified 126  
professional approved by the committee, and is in the following 127  
amounts: 128

(i) In the case of an individual holding only a master's degree, not less than two years of experience, which must be completed after the award of the master's degree;	129 130 131
(ii) In the case of an individual holding a doctorate, not less than one year of experience, which must be completed after the award of the doctorate.	132 133 134
(e) The individual must pass a field evaluation that meets the following requirements:	135 136
(i) Has been completed by the applicant's instructors, employers, supervisors, or other persons determined by the committee to be competent to evaluate an individual's professional competence;	137 138 139 140
(ii) Includes documented evidence of the quality, scope, and nature of the applicant's experience and competence in diagnosing and treating mental and emotional disorders.	141 142 143
(f) The individual must pass an examination administered by the board for the purpose of determining ability to practice as a licensed professional clinical counselor.	144 145 146
(2) To meet the requirement of division (B)(1)(b) of this section, a graduate degree in counseling obtained from a <del>mental health</del> counseling program in this state after January 1, 2018, must be from a <del>clinical mental health counseling program, a clinical rehabilitation counseling program, or an addiction</del> <u>one of the following:</u>	147 148 149 150 151 152
<u>(a) A counseling program accredited by the council for accreditation of counseling and related educational programs;</u>	153 154
<u>(b) A counseling education program approved by the board in accordance with rules adopted by the board under division (G)</u>	155 156

<u>of this section.</u>	157
(3) All of the following meet the educational requirements of division (B) (1) (c) of this section:	158 159
(a) A clinical mental health counseling program accredited by the council for accreditation of counseling and related educational programs;	160 161 162
(b) Until January 1, 2018, a mental health counseling program accredited by the council for accreditation of counseling and related educational programs;	163 164 165
(c) A graduate degree in counseling issued by another state from a clinical mental health counseling program, a clinical rehabilitation counseling program, or an addiction counseling program that is accredited by the council for accreditation of counseling and related educational programs;	166 167 168 169 170
(d) <del>Any other accredited A counseling programs accepted</del> <u>education program approved by</u> the board in accordance with rules adopted under division <del>(F) (3) (G)</del> of this section.	171 172 173
(C) To be accepted by the committee for purposes of division (B) of this section, counselor training must include at least the following:	174 175 176
(1) Instruction in human growth and development; counseling theory; counseling techniques; group dynamics, processing, and counseling; appraisal of individuals; research and evaluation; professional, legal, and ethical responsibilities; social and cultural foundations; and lifestyle and career development;	177 178 179 180 181 182
(2) Participation in a supervised practicum and <u>clinical</u> internship in counseling.	183 184

(D) The committee may issue a temporary license to an applicant who meets all of the requirements to be licensed under this section, pending the receipt of transcripts or action by the committee to issue a license to practice as a licensed professional clinical counselor.

(E) An individual may not sit for the licensing examination unless the individual meets the educational requirements to be licensed under this section. An individual who is denied admission to the licensing examination may appeal the denial in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code.

(F) The board shall adopt any rules necessary for the committee to implement this section. The rules shall do ~~all~~ both of the following:

(1) Establish criteria for the committee to use in determining whether an applicant's training should be accepted and supervised experience approved;

(2) Establish course content requirements for qualifying counseling degrees issued by institutions in other states from clinical mental health counseling programs, clinical rehabilitation counseling programs, and addiction counseling programs that are not accredited by the council for accreditation of counseling and related educational programs ~~and for graduate degrees from other accredited counseling programs approved by the board in accordance with rules adopted under division (F) (3) of this section;~~

~~(3) For purposes of divisions (B) (2) (b) and (3) of this section, establish requirements for acceptance by the committee of accredited counseling programs.~~

Rules adopted under this division shall be adopted in



accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code. 214

(G) (1) The board may adopt rules to temporarily approve a 215  
counseling education program created after January 1, 2018, that 216  
has not been accredited by the council for accreditation of 217  
counseling and related educational programs. If the board adopts 218  
rules under this division, the board shall do all of the 219  
following in the rules: 220

(a) Create an application process under which a program 221  
administrator may apply to the board for approval of the 222  
program; 223

(b) Identify the educational requirements that an 224  
individual must satisfy to receive a graduate degree in 225  
counseling from the approved program; 226

(c) Establish a time period during which an individual may 227  
use an unaccredited degree granted under the program to satisfy 228  
the requirements of divisions (B) (1) (b) and (c) of this section; 229

(d) Specify that, if the program is denied accreditation, 230  
a student enrolled in the program before the accreditation is 231  
denied may apply for licensure before completing the program 232  
and, on receiving a degree from the program, is considered to 233  
satisfy divisions (B) (1) (b) and (c) of this section. 234

(2) A degree from a counseling education program approved 235  
by the board pursuant to the rules adopted under division (G) (1) 236  
of this section satisfies the requirements of divisions (B) (1) 237  
(b) and (c) of this section for the time period approved by the 238  
board. 239

**Sec. 4757.23.** (A) The counselors professional standards 240  
committee of the counselor, social worker, and marriage and 241

family therapist board shall issue a license as a licensed 242  
professional counselor to each applicant who submits a properly 243  
completed application, pays the fee established under section 244  
4757.31 of the Revised Code, and meets the requirements 245  
established under division (B) of this section. 246

(B) (1) To be eligible for a license as a licensed 247  
professional counselor, an individual must meet the following 248  
requirements: 249

(a) The individual must be of good moral character. 250

(b) The individual must hold ~~from an accredited~~ 251  
~~educational institution~~ a graduate degree in counseling as 252  
described in division (B) (2) of this section. 253

(c) The individual must complete a minimum of ninety 254  
quarter hours or sixty semester hours of graduate credit in 255  
counselor training acceptable to the committee, which the 256  
individual may complete while working toward receiving a 257  
graduate degree in counseling, or subsequent to receiving the 258  
degree, and which shall include training in the following areas: 259

(i) Clinical psychopathology, personality, and abnormal 260  
behavior; 261

(ii) Evaluation of mental and emotional disorders; 262

(iii) Diagnosis of mental and emotional disorders; 263

(iv) Methods of prevention, intervention, and treatment of 264  
mental and emotional disorders. 265

(d) The individual must pass an examination administered 266  
by the board for the purpose of determining ability to practice 267  
as a licensed professional counselor. 268

(2) To meet the requirement of division (B)(1)(b) of this section, a graduate degree in counseling obtained from a ~~mental health~~ counseling program in this state after January 1, 2018, must be from a ~~clinical mental health counseling program, clinical rehabilitation counseling program, or addiction~~ one of the following:

(a) A counseling program accredited by the council for accreditation of counseling and related educational programs;

(b) A counseling education program approved by the board in accordance with rules adopted by the board under division (G) of this section.

(3) All of the following meet the educational requirements of division (B)(1)(c) of this section:

(a) A clinical mental health counseling program accredited by the council for accreditation of counseling and related educational programs;

(b) Until January 1, 2018, a mental health counseling program accredited by the council for accreditation of counseling and related educational programs;

(c) A graduate degree in counseling issued by an institution in another state from a clinical mental health counseling program, a clinical rehabilitation counseling program, or an addiction counseling program that is accredited by the council for accreditation of counseling and related educational programs;

(d) ~~Any other accredited~~ A counseling programs accepted education program approved by the board in accordance with rules adopted under division ~~(F)(3)~~ (G) of this section.

(C) To be accepted by the committee for purposes of	297
division (B) of this section, counselor training must include at	298
least the following:	299
(1) Instruction in human growth and development;	300
counseling theory; counseling techniques; group dynamics,	301
processing, and counseling; appraisal of individuals; research	302
and evaluation; professional, legal, and ethical	303
responsibilities; social and cultural foundations; and lifestyle	304
and career development;	305
(2) Participation in a supervised practicum and <u>clinical</u>	306
internship in counseling.	307
(D) The committee may issue a temporary license to	308
practice as a licensed professional counselor to an applicant	309
who meets all of the requirements to be licensed under this	310
section as follows:	311
(1) Pending the receipt of transcripts or action by the	312
committee to issue a license as a licensed professional	313
counselor;	314
(2) For a period not to exceed ninety days, to an	315
applicant who provides the board with a statement from the	316
applicant's academic institution indicating that the applicant	317
has met the academic requirements for the applicant's degree and	318
the projected date the applicant will receive the applicant's	319
transcript showing a conferred degree.	320
On application to the committee, a temporary license	321
issued under division (D) (2) of this section may be renewed for	322
good cause shown.	323
(E) An individual may not sit for the licensing	324

examination unless the individual meets the educational 325  
requirements to be licensed under this section. An individual 326  
who is denied admission to the licensing examination may appeal 327  
the denial in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code. 328

(F) The board shall adopt any rules necessary for the 329  
committee to implement this section. The rules shall do ~~all~~both 330  
of the following: 331

(1) Establish criteria for the committee to use in 332  
determining whether an applicant's training should be accepted 333  
and supervised experience approved; 334

(2) Establish course content requirements for qualifying 335  
counseling degrees issued by institutions in other states from 336  
clinical mental health counseling programs, clinical 337  
rehabilitation counseling programs, and addiction counseling 338  
programs that are not accredited by the council for 339  
accreditation of counseling and related educational programs ~~and~~ 340  
~~for graduate degrees from other accredited counseling programs~~ 341  
~~accepted by the board in accordance with rules adopted under~~ 342  
~~division (F) (3) of this section;~~ 343

~~(3) For purposes of divisions (B) (2) (b) and (3) of this~~ 344  
~~section, establish requirements for acceptance by the committee~~ 345  
~~of accredited counseling programs.~~ 346

Rules adopted under this division shall be adopted in 347  
accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code. 348

(G) (1) The board may adopt rules to temporarily approve a 349  
counseling education program created after January 1, 2018, that 350  
has not been accredited by the council for accreditation of 351  
counseling and related educational programs. If the board adopts 352  
rules under this division, the board shall do all of the 353

following in the rules: 354

(a) Create an application process under which a program administrator may apply to the board for approval of the program; 355  
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(b) Identify the educational requirements that an individual must satisfy to receive a graduate degree in counseling from the approved program; 358  
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(c) Establish a time period during which an individual may use an unaccredited degree granted under the program to satisfy the requirements of divisions (B) (1) (b) and (c) of this section; 361  
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(d) Specify that, if the program is denied accreditation, a student enrolled in the program before the accreditation is denied may apply for licensure before completing the program and, on receiving a degree from the program, is considered to satisfy divisions (B) (1) (b) and (c) of this section. 364  
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(2) A degree from a counseling education program approved by the board pursuant to the rules adopted under division (G) (1) of this section satisfies the requirements of divisions (B) (1) (b) and (c) of this section for the time period approved by the board. 369  
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**Sec. 4757.25.** (A) Notwithstanding any provision in sections 4757.22 and 4757.23 of the Revised Code to the contrary, the counselors professional standards committee of the counselor, social worker, and marriage and family therapist board may, by endorsement, issue a license to practice as a licensed professional clinical counselor or a licensed professional counselor to a person who is authorized to practice in another state even though the person does not hold a graduate degree in counseling if the person meets all of the following 374  
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<u>requirements:</u>	383
<u>(1) The person has a graduate degree in a field of study</u>	384
<u>that demonstrates an education in the diagnosis and treatment of</u>	385
<u>mental and emotional disorders.</u>	386
<u>(2) The person has continuously engaged in the practice of</u>	387
<u>professional counseling in the other state for a period of five</u>	388
<u>years or more immediately preceding the date the application is</u>	389
<u>submitted.</u>	390
<u>(3) The person's scope of practice in the other state is</u>	391
<u>comparable to the scope of practice associated with the license</u>	392
<u>the person is requesting.</u>	393
<u>(4) The person's license, certificate, registration, or</u>	394
<u>other authorization to practice in the other state is in good</u>	395
<u>standing at the time the person submits the application.</u>	396
<u>(5) The person has not been disciplined by the regulatory</u>	397
<u>authority of the other state that issued the license,</u>	398
<u>certificate, registration, or other authorization for a period</u>	399
<u>of five years or more preceding the date the application is</u>	400
<u>submitted.</u>	401
<u>(6) The person has achieved a passing score on the</u>	402
<u>examination required by the board for licensure as a licensed</u>	403
<u>professional clinical counselor or a licensed professional</u>	404
<u>counselor, as applicable.</u>	405
<u>(B) To meet the requirement of division (A) (1) of this</u>	406
<u>section, the coursework the person completed to obtain the</u>	407
<u>graduate degree must be comparable to the coursework required to</u>	408
<u>obtain a degree in clinical mental health counseling from a</u>	409
<u>program accredited by the council for accreditation of</u>	410

counseling and related educational programs. 411

(C) Before issuing a license to practice as a licensed 412  
professional clinical counselor by endorsement under this 413  
section, the committee shall require an applicant to complete 414  
not less than seven hundred fifty hours of supervised experience 415  
that is of a type approved by the committee. 416

**Sec. 4757.32.** A license or certificate of registration 417  
issued under this chapter ~~expires two years after it is issued~~ 418  
~~and is valid without further recommendation or examination until~~ 419  
revoked or suspended or until the license or certificate of 420  
registration expires for failure to renew as provided for in 421  
this section. Licenses and certificates of registration shall be 422  
renewed biennially in accordance with the schedule established 423  
in rules adopted by the counselor, social worker, and marriage 424  
and family therapist board under section 4757.10 of the Revised 425  
Code. A license or certificate of registration may be renewed in 426  
accordance with the standard renewal procedure established under 427  
Chapter 4745. of the Revised Code. 428

Subject to section 4757.36 of the Revised Code, the staff 429  
of the appropriate professional standards committee of the 430  
~~counselor, social worker, and marriage and family therapist~~ 431  
board shall, on behalf of each committee, issue a renewed 432  
license or certificate of registration to each applicant who has 433  
paid the renewal fee established by the board under section 434  
4757.31 of the Revised Code and satisfied the continuing 435  
education requirements established by the board under section 436  
4757.33 of the Revised Code. 437

A license or certificate of registration that is not 438  
renewed lapses on its expiration date. A license or certificate 439  
of registration that has lapsed may be restored if the 440



individual, not later than two years after the license or 441  
certificate expired, applies for restoration of the license or 442  
certificate. The staff of the appropriate professional standards 443  
committee shall issue a restored license or certificate of 444  
registration to the applicant if the applicant pays the renewal 445  
fee established under section 4757.31 of the Revised Code and 446  
satisfies the continuing education requirements established 447  
under section 4757.33 of the Revised Code for restoring the 448  
license or certificate of registration. The board and its 449  
professional standards committees shall not require a person to 450  
take an examination as a condition of having a lapsed license or 451  
certificate of registration restored. 452

**Sec. 4757.33.** (A) Except as provided in division (B) of 453  
this section, each person who holds a license ~~or certificate of~~ 454  
~~registration~~ issued under this chapter shall complete during the 455  
period that the license ~~or certificate~~ is in effect not less 456  
than thirty clock hours of continuing professional education as 457  
a condition of receiving a renewed license ~~or certificate~~. ~~To~~ 458  
Except as provided in division (B) of this section, each person 459  
who holds a certificate of registration as a social work 460  
assistant shall complete during the period the certificate is in 461  
effect fifteen clock hours of continuing professional education 462  
as a condition of receiving a renewed certificate of 463  
registration. 464

To have a lapsed license or certificate of registration 465  
restored, a person shall complete the number of hours of 466  
continuing education specified by the counselor, social worker, 467  
and marriage and family therapist board in rules it shall adopt 468  
in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code. 469

The professional standards committees of the counselor, 470

social worker, and marriage and family therapist board shall 471  
adopt rules in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code 472  
establishing standards and procedures to be followed by the 473  
committees in conducting the continuing education approval 474  
process, which shall include registering individuals and 475  
entities to provide continuing education programs approved by 476  
the board. 477

(B) The board may waive the continuing education 478  
requirements established under this section for persons who are 479  
unable to fulfill them because of military service, illness, 480  
residence abroad, or any other reason the committee considers 481  
acceptable." 482

In line 722, delete the first "and"; after "3313.753" insert ", 483  
4757.10, 4757.13, 4757.18, 4757.22, 4757.23, 4757.32, and 4757.33" 484

After line 725, insert: 485

**"Section 3.** A license or certificate of registration 486  
issued under Chapter 4757. of the Revised Code that is in effect 487  
on the effective date of this section shall continue in effect 488  
until the first biennial renewal date established by the 489  
Counselor, Social Worker, and Marriage and Family Therapist 490  
Board pursuant to sections 4757.10 and 4757.32 of the Revised 491  
Code, as amended by this act. No license or certificate of 492  
registration in effect on the effective date of this section is 493  
valid for more than three years after the effective date of this 494  
act." 495

In line 726, delete "3" and insert "4" 496

The motion was \_\_\_\_\_ agreed to.