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

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

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

After line 720, insert:

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

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

(A) (1) Concern intervention for and treatment of any impaired person holding a license or certificate of registration issued under this chapter;

(B) (2) Establish standards for training and experience of supervisors described in division (C) of section 4757.30 of the Revised Code;

(C) (3) Define the requirement that an applicant be of good moral character in order to be licensed or registered under this chapter;

(D) (4) Establish requirements for criminal records checks of applicants under section 4776.03 of the Revised Code;

(E) (5) Establish a graduated system of fines based on the scope and severity of violations and the history of compliance, not to exceed five hundred dollars per incident, that any professional standards committee of the board may charge for a disciplinary violation described in section 4757.36 of the Revised Code;

(F) (6) Establish the amount and content of corrective action courses required by the board under section 4755.36 of the Revised Code;

(G) (7) Provide for voluntary registration of all of the following:

(1) (a) Master's level counselor trainees enrolled in practice and internships;

(2) (b) Master's level social worker trainees enrolled in fieldwork, practice, and internships;
(3)-(c) Master's level marriage and family therapist trainees enrolled in practice and internships.

(8) Establish a schedule of deadlines for renewal.

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

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

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

(B) A person holding a license holder issued under this chapter who is engaged in a private individual practice, partnership, or group practice shall prominently display the license holder's fee schedule in the office or place where a major portion of the license holder's practice is conducted. The bottom of the first page of the fee schedule shall include the
following statement, which shall be followed by the name, address, and telephone number of the board:

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

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

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

Sec. 4757.22. (A) The counselors professional standards committee of the counselor, social worker, and marriage and family therapist board shall issue a license to practice as a
licensed professional clinical counselor to each applicant who submits a properly completed application, pays the fee established under section 4757.31 of the Revised Code, and meets the requirements specified in division (B) of this section.

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

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

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

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

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

(ii) Evaluation of mental and emotional disorders;

(iii) Diagnosis of mental and emotional disorders;

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

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

(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.

(e) The individual must pass a field evaluation that meets the following requirements:

(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;

(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.

(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.

(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, a clinical rehabilitation counseling program, or an 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 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 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 division (B) of this section, counselor training must include at least the following:

(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;

(2) Participation in a supervised practicum and clinical internship in counseling.
(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.

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

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

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

(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;

(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.

(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.

Sec. 4757.23. (A) The counselors professional standards committee of the counselor, social worker, and marriage and
family therapist board shall issue a license as a licensed
professional counselor to each applicant who submits a properly
completed application, pays the fee established under section
4757.31 of the Revised Code, and meets the requirements
established under division (B) of this section.

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

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

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

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

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

(ii) Evaluation of mental and emotional disorders;

(iii) Diagnosis of mental and emotional disorders;

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

(d) The individual must pass an examination administered
by the board for the purpose of determining ability to practice
as a licensed professional counselor.
(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 counseling 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 division (B) of this section, counselor training must include at least the following:

(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;

(2) Participation in a supervised practicum and clinical internship in counseling.

(D) The committee may issue a temporary license to practice as a licensed professional counselor to an applicant who meets all of the requirements to be licensed under this section as follows:

(1) Pending the receipt of transcripts or action by the committee to issue a license as a licensed professional counselor;

(2) For a period not to exceed ninety days, to an applicant who provides the board with a statement from the applicant's academic institution indicating that the applicant has met the academic requirements for the applicant's degree and the projected date the applicant will receive the applicant's transcript showing a conferred degree.

On application to the committee, a temporary license issued under division (D)(2) of this section may be renewed for good cause shown.

(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 accepted 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.

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

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

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

(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;

(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.

(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.

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
requirements:

(1) The person has a graduate degree in a field of study that demonstrates an education in the diagnosis and treatment of mental and emotional disorders.

(2) The person has continuously engaged in the practice of professional counseling in the other state for a period of five years or more immediately preceding the date the application is submitted.

(3) The person's scope of practice in the other state is comparable to the scope of practice associated with the license the person is requesting.

(4) The person's license, certificate, registration, or other authorization to practice in the other state is in good standing at the time the person submits the application.

(5) The person has not been disciplined by the regulatory authority of the other state that issued the license, certificate, registration, or other authorization for a period of five years or more preceding the date the application is submitted.

(6) The person has achieved a passing score on the examination required by the board for licensure as a licensed professional clinical counselor or a licensed professional counselor, as applicable.

(B) To meet the requirement of division (A)(1) of this section, the coursework the person completed to obtain the graduate degree must be comparable to the coursework required to obtain a degree in clinical mental health counseling from a program accredited by the council for accreditation of...
counseling and related educational programs.

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

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

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

A license or certificate of registration that is not renewed lapses on its expiration date. A license or certificate of registration that has lapsed may be restored if the
individual, not later than two years after the license or certificate expired, applies for restoration of the license or certificate. The staff of the appropriate professional standards committee shall issue a restored license or certificate of registration to the applicant if the applicant pays the renewal fee established under section 4757.31 of the Revised Code and satisfies the continuing education requirements established under section 4757.33 of the Revised Code for restoring the license or certificate of registration. The board and its professional standards committees shall not require a person to take an examination as a condition of having a lapsed license or certificate of registration restored.

Sec. 4757.33. (A) Except as provided in division (B) of this section, each person who holds a license or certificate of registration issued under this chapter shall complete during the period that the license or certificate is in effect not less than thirty clock hours of continuing professional education as a condition of receiving a renewed license or certificate. To

Except as provided in division (B) of this section, each person who holds a certificate of registration as a social work assistant shall complete during the period the certificate is in effect fifteen clock hours of continuing professional education as a condition of receiving a renewed certificate of registration.

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

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

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

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

After line 725, insert:

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

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

The motion was __________ agreed to.