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House Bill 1378 (Delegate Hubbard)
Health and Government Operations

State Board of Professional Counselors and Therapists - Appraisal - Defined

This bill redefines “appraisal” to exclude *tests* (along with instruments already excluded under statute) which require specialized training for administration and interpretation unless the licensed or certified professional counselor has met specified competency standards. It also modifies those competency standards.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None. The change is technical in nature and would not directly affect governmental finances.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: “Appraisal” means: • selecting, administering, scoring, and interpreting instruments designed to assess an individual’s aptitudes, attitudes, abilities, achievements, interests, and personal characteristics; and • using nonstandardized methods and techniques for understanding human behavior in relation to coping with, adapting to, or changing life situations.

This does not include instruments that require specialized psychological training for administration and interpretation unless the licensed or certified professional counselor has completed training deemed by the Board of Examiners of Psychologists and the State

Board of Professional Counselors and Therapists to be equivalent to that of a licensed psychologist who is qualified to administer the same types of instruments.

Additional Information

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Cross File: None.

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