



Greater Washington Society for Clinical Social Work

TO: The Honorable Joseline A. Pena-Melnyk, Chair
Members, House Health and Government Operations Committee
The Honorable Jamila J. Woods

FROM: Judith Gallant, LCSW-C, Director, GWSCSW Legislation and Advocacy

DATE: February 22, 2024

RE: **SUPPORT WITH AMENDMENT** – House Bill 1120 – *State Board of Social Work Examiners – Continuing Education Programs – Approval of Authorized Sponsors*

The Greater Washington Society for Clinical Social Work (GWSCSW) was established in 1975 to promote and advance the specialization of clinical practice within the social work profession. Through our lobbying, education, community building, and social justice activities, we affirm our commitment to the needs of those in our profession, their clients, and the community at large. On behalf of GWSCSW, we **support with amendment** House Bill 1120.

House Bill 1120 aims to ensure the quality and accessibility of continuing education programs for social workers by establishing a formal approval process overseen by the State Board of Social Work Examiners (BSWE). It also requires at least one approval pathway that does not require endorsement from national or regional organizations. GWSCSW is supportive of the bill but would like to request an amendment that would require the BSWE to notify social workers if a continuing education unit is no longer available. If an amendment is not applied, we request that our concern be addressed in the regulations the BSWE establishes to implement the approval process. With the amendment noted, GWSCSW supports House Bill 1120.

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