



Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee
January 28, 2025
Senate Bill 25 – *Family Law – Child Custody Evaluators – Qualifications*
POSITION: SUPPORT

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 Senate Bill 25.

This legislation will ensure specified health care providers, who are authorized in statute(s) to independently evaluate, render a formal diagnosis, and treat mental and emotional disorders, conditions, and impairments, have specialized education, trainings, and experience, in order to engage in providing custody evaluations used in legal proceedings.

These requirements will ensure quality and objective evaluations based upon recognized standards of care, as opposed to subjective decisions. This legislation will ensure competency in the evaluative process, facilitate legal proceedings, assist families, and protect the public. For these reasons we urge a favorable report.

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