

**HB 769 – State Board of Social Work Examiners – Conditional Licensure to Practice Social Work
– Revisions
Health Committee
February 18, 2026
FAVORABLE WITH AMENDMENTS**

My name is Sharon Powdrill I am a guardianship case worker, and I am here on behalf of AFSCME Local 112 members who work with the Department of Social Services. I am here to offer an amendment to establish additional alternate pathways through conditional license.

I support Senate Bill 18 cross – filled with HB769. Many of our Local 112 AFSCME members have been with the agency for over 10 years and have experience in the field of social work. They are very good at providing best practices for their clients. However, the licensure process has been a barrier for some. We encourage you to give consideration to adding the amendment below for conditional license, so that those who currently hold a social work degree with the experience can be licensed as a social worker.

The applicants would need either 10 years of experience, or 2 years of experience plus a related degree (BSW – Bachelor of Social Work, MSW- Master of Social Work) to qualify for grandfathering.

Thank you and we urge the committee to issue a favorable report as amended.