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DIGEST

SB 24 Reengrossed 2018 Regular Session Mills

Present law defines "social work practice". Proposed law excludes social work education administered by a faculty member at an accredited institution of higher education from the definition of "social work practice". Specifies that a person who serves as a faculty member in a social work program at an institution of higher education is not required to hold a license under present law, to the extent that the faculty member's activities are limited to teaching and scholarship.

Present law provides that social workers cannot prescribe, dispense, or administer medications, administer or interpret psychological tests, or engage in the practice of psychology or medicine. Proposed law retains present law.

Present law provides that social workers may administer, use, or interpret tests of language, education and achievement, adaptive behavioral tests, and symptom screening checklists instruments, as well as tests of abilities, interests, and aptitudes. Proposed law retains present law.

Effective August 1, 2018.

(Amends R.S. 37:2703(intro para) and (15)(b); adds R.S. 37:2703(B))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Health and Welfare to the original bill

1. Remove service and research as faculty member activities that are exempt from requiring licensure.

Senate Floor Amendments to engrossed bill

1. Make technical changes.