

## SENATE SUMMARY OF HOUSE AMENDMENTS

SB 24

2018 Regular Session

Mills

**KEYWORD AND SUMMARY AS RETURNED TO THE SENATE**

COUNSELING/GUIDANCE. Provides for the practice of social work.  
(8/1/18)

**SUMMARY OF HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO THE SENATE BILL**

1. Rewrites the bill but retains provisions excluding social work education administered by a faculty member at an accredited institution of higher education from the definition of social work practice.
2. Adds requirement that individuals submit application for licensure, certification, or registration to the board within 90 days of commencement of social work practice.

**DIGEST OF THE SENATE BILL AS RETURNED TO THE SENATE**

Present law provides for the practice of a social worker and defines "social work practice" to mean the professional application of social work values, theories, and interventions to one or more of the following:

- (1) enhancing the development, problem-solving, and coping capacities of people
- (2) promoting the effective and humane operations of systems that provide resources and services to people
- (3) linking people with systems that provide them with resources, services, and opportunities
- (4) developing and improving social policy
- (5) engaging in research related to the professional activities.

Provides that the practice of social work includes clinical social work, planning and community organization, policy and administration, research, and social work education. Provides that social work practice is guided by knowledge of human behavior, biopsychosocial development, social systems and resources, economic and cultural institutions, and their interactions.

Proposed law retains these provisions and provides that a faculty member who has obtained a master's degree or license in a field other than social work and who teaches a course in a social work program other than a clinical course, a clinical practicum, or any other course involving the scope of practice of social work at an accredited Louisiana institution of higher education shall not be construed as practicing social work and shall not be subject to the provisions present law on licensing and regulation the practice of a social worker.

Present law prohibits the practice of social work by an individual unless the individual holds a current, valid license, certificate, or registration issued by the board. Requires that this license, certificate, or registration be kept conspicuously posted in the office or place of business at all times.

Proposed law requires that an individual submit an application for licensure, certification, or registration to the board within 90 days of commencement of social work practice.

Effective August 1, 2018.

(Amends R.S. 37:2703(15)(b) and 2709; adds R.S. 37:2703(15)(c))

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