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Sponsors

Representative Kraft-Tharp
Senator Martinez Humenik

Short Title

*Psychologists Continuing
Professional Development
Program*

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Status

This research note reflects the final version of the bill which became effective on August 10, 2016.

Summary

The bill clarifies and amends portions of the continuing professional development program for licensed psychologists. The clarifications include:

- allowing credit hours for attending certain nonaccredited programming;
- allowing credit hours for teaching or giving presentations for the first time within a given licensure cycle;
- removing reviewing a journal article as a permissible professional development activity; and
- allowing credit hours for providing editorial review of a professional psychological or scientific journal article at the request of the journal's editorial staff.

Background

Licensed psychologists are regulated by the State Board of Psychologist Examiners in the Department of Regulatory Agencies. Licensed psychologists are required to complete at least 40 hours of continuing professional development and education during each two-year license renewal cycle in order to maintain their professional license. Continuing education activities for licensed psychologist include attending or teaching an academic course, authoring a book or

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paper, or attending workshops and symposia, among other things.

House Action

House Health, Insurance, and Environment Committee (March 24, 2016). At the hearing, a representative from the Colorado Psychological Association testified in support of the bill. The committee referred the bill to the House Committee of the Whole with no amendments.

House second reading (March 31, 2016). The House passed the bill on second reading with no amendments.

House third reading (April 1, 2016). The House passed the bill on third reading with no amendments.

Senate Action

Senate Health and Human Services Committee (April 7, 2016). At the hearing, a representative from the Colorado Psychological Association testified in support of the bill. The committee adopted amendment L.001, which clarified that providing editorial review of a professional psychological journal qualifies for continuing professional development credit. The committee referred the bill, as amended, to the Senate Committee of the Whole.

Senate second reading (April 12, 2016). The Senate passed the Senate Health and Human Services committee report and passed the bill on second reading, as amended.

Senate third reading (April 13, 2016). The House passed the bill on third reading with no amendments.

Consideration of Amendments

Consideration of amendments (April 18, 2016). The House concurred with Senate amendments and repassed the bill.