

ONE HUNDRED FIFTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2018
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB686

Hearing Date: Thursday February 22, 2018
Committee On: Health and Human Services
Introducer: Blood
One Liner: Adopt the Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:
Advanced to General File with amendment(s)

Vote Results:
Aye: 7 Senators Crawford, Erdman, Howard, Kolterman, Linehan, Riepe, Williams
Nay:
Absent:
Present Not Voting:

Verbal Testimony:

Proponents:
Senator Carol Blood
Daniel Ullman
Diane Marti
Nicole Fox

Representing:
Introducer
Nebraska Psychological Association
Self
Platte Institute

Opponents:

Representing:

Neutral:

Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:
LB 686 establishes the Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact.

SECTION BY SECTION:

Section 1: Amends Section 29-2261 to add individuals practicing under similar provisions of the Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact to the definition of "mental health professional."

Section 2: Amends Section 38-131 to add psychologist seeking an initial license to practice to obtain a criminal background check.

Section 3: Amends Section 38-2025 to add individuals practicing under the Compact will not be construed as an individual engaging in the unauthorized practice of medicine.

Section 4: Amends Section 38-2112 to add individuals practicing under the Compact to definition of "consultation."

Section 5: Amends Section 38-2115 to add individuals practicing under the Compact the ability to assist a mental health practice in diagnosing major mental illness or disorder.

Section 6: Amends Section 38-3101 to add section to the Psychology Practice Act.

Section 7: Amends Section 38-3111 to add Compact to meaning of licensed psychologist.

Section 8: Designates the chairperson of the Board as the administrator of the Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact.

Section 9: Amends Section 44-792 to add Compact to definition of "mental health professional."

Section 10: Amends Section 71-906 to add Compact to definition of "mental health professional."

Section 11: Adopts the Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact.

Article I: Provides the Purpose of the Compact.

Article II: Provides definitions of the Compact.

Article III: Provides requirements for home state licensure.

Article IV: Provides requirements for privilege to practice telepsychology.

Article V: Provides requirements for temporary authorization to practice.

Article VI: Provides requirements for conditions of telepsychology.

Article VII: Provides requirements for adverse action.

Article VIII: Provides requirements for authorities invested in the Compact state's state psychology regulatory authority.

Article IX: Provides requirements for coordinated licensure information system.

Article X: Establishes the Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact Commission.

Article XI: Provides requirements for rulemaking.

Article XII: Provides requirements for oversight, dispute resolution, and enforcement.

Article XIII: Provides date of implementation of the Compact, rules, withdrawal, and amendments.

Article XIV: Provides construction and severability of the Compact.

Section 12: Repeals Sections 38-131, 38-2025, 38-2112, 38-2115, 38-3101, 38-3111, 44-792, 71-906, and 29-2261.

Explanation of amendments:

AM 2208 is a white copy amendment to LB 686 and retains the initial Sections 1 through 11.

In Section 11, Article X, G1 strikes immunity for Compact to have liability no greater than a state employee would have under the same or similar circumstances.

Merv Riepe, Chairperson