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MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Carlos Mayans at 1:30 p.m. on January 23, 1996 in Room 423-S of the State Capitol.

All members were present

Committee staff present: Norman Furse, Revisor of Statutes

Bill Wolff, Legislative Research Department Francie Marshall, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

David Hanzlick, Kansas Dental Association

Shelby Smith

Representative Cindy Empson
Jody Patterson, KU Student
Kathy Mosher, Independence, Ks.
Dr. Jim Lichtenberg, University of Kansas

Jayne C. Spickler

David Elsbury, Kansas Association of Masters in Psychology

Others attending: See Guest List, Attachment 1.

Chairperson Mayans stated the first item of business was to consider introduction of bills. David Hanzlick, Kansas Dental Association, introduced a bill requiring the addition of fluorides (see <u>Attachment 2</u>). Following discussion, on motion of Representative Kirk, seconded by Representative Henry, the committee approved the introduction of the bill.

Shelby Smith requested the committee to consider introduction of a bill concerning the practice of podiatry; amending K.S.A. 65-2002 and repealing the existing section (see <u>Attachment 3</u>). <u>On motion of Representative Landwehr, seconded by Representative Wells, the committee approved the introduction of the bill.</u>

HB 2594 - Qualifications for registrations of master level physchologists

Chairperson Mayans opened the hearing on HB 2594.

Representative Cindy Empson, sponsor of **HB 2594**, presented her testimony and asked the committee for favorable consideration (see <u>Attachment 4</u>). Jody Patterson, KU Student, presented testimony in support of the bill (see <u>Attachment 5</u>) and read the written testimony of Christie Templin, (see <u>Attachment 6</u>) supporting **HB 2594**. Kathy Mosher, from Independence, Kansas testified in support of **HB 2594** (see <u>Attachment 7</u>). Dr. Jim Lichtenberg, KU Professor in the Department of Counseling Psychology of the School of Education presented testimony in support of the bill (see <u>Attachment 8</u>). Jayne C. Spickler, M.S. Ed., presented testimony in support of **HB 2594** (see <u>Attachment 9</u>). The written testimony of Victoria B. Guyton, Shawnee Mission, who supports the bill, was submitted to the committee at the end of the meeting (see Attachment 10).

The hearing was opened for questions to the proponents.

Dr. Lichtenberg answered questions regarding proper information available to students upon entering programs at the University of Kansas. He stated the statutes of the registrar of master level physchologists are reviewed in a course taught by him that covers the eligibility requirements and semantic problems. When asked if it would be easier to change the name of the degree to more closely acknowledge the field of education, Dr. Lichtenberg said it is the school's authority to change the degrees, not the department. The lengthy and difficult process of degree change is presented to both oversight functions at the University and then to the Board of Regents. Other issues concerning levels of career development programs, eligibility and curriculum for the clinical master's degree were discussed.

Chairperson Mayans opened the hearing to the opponents.

David Elsbury, representing the Kansas Association of Masters in Psychology, presented testimony in opposition to **HB 2594** (see <u>Attachment 11</u>). The Board objects the bill because it waters down the educational requirements and qualifications for the Registered Master Level Psychologists. Mr. Elsbury was unable to answer questions regarding the eligibility requirements and curriculum for students at KU.

The hearing on HB 2594 was closed.

HCR 5030 - Length of inpatient stay following childbirth

Chairperson Mayans then asked the committee if it would consider action on HCR 5030 (length of inpatient hospital stay following childbirth) which was heard on January 16, 1996. Representative Wells suggested to the committee that in Line 14, the word "for" should be replaced by the words "to encourage." On motion of Representative Gilmore, seconded by Representative Landwehr, the committee voted to change the words as just discussed. Chairperson Mayans indicated that "balloon" amendments have been developed resulting from some of the comments made at the hearing on HCR 5030 (see Attachment 12). Representative Mayans made a motion, seconded by Representative Morrison, that the committee amend HCR 5030 as indicated on Attachment 12. On motion of Representative Henry, seconded by Representative Morrison, the committee voted to insert language in Line 6, page 2, after the word "and", to read "the Insurance Department shall also report any insurance companies who decline to submit the requested information". The call on the motion was made. The committee voted to pass HCR 5030 as amended. Chairperson Mayans will carry the legislation.

Chairperson Mayans reminded the committee that Gary Brunk, Families First, will give a presentation at tomorrow's meeting.

The meeting was adjourn at 3:00 p.m..

The next meeting is scheduled January 24, 1996

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K. David Hanzlick Assistant Executive Director January 23, 1996

Mr. Chairman and members of the Committee, I am David Hanzlick. I am the Assistant Director of the Kansas Dental Association. I appreciate having the opportunity to request the introduction of a very important piece of legislation.

There is a disease in the general population that causes short- and long-term pain and expense for children in particular and for adults. This disease is largely preventable at an average cost of less than one cent per person per week.

The disease is tooth decay. The preventive treatment is water fluoridation.

Water fluoridation has been in use for fifty years in the United States and has been shown to reduce cavities in children by 40 to 60 percent.

Today in Kansas, approximately 58 percent of people who get their water from public water supplies have fluoridated water. Unfortunately, 42 percent of people using public water supplies do not have fluoridated water.

The bill we are requesting you to introduce today will go a long way toward making the tremendous benefits of fluoridated water much more widely available. Very simply, the bill requires non-fluoridated public water systems serving more than 3300 people to provide to the Secretary of the Kansas Department of Health and Environment with an estimate of the cost of fluoridating their water systems. The public water system is not required to fluoridate until the capital costs for the system can be paid through federal block grant funds or through private sources. The legislation is similar to a measure that passed in California last year.

There are 72 public water systems of this size that serve a total of 1,688,504 Kansans. Thirty-three of those systems, serving 1,006,757 people, have adequate fluoride levels; 39 do not. This proposal would eventually bring the benefits of fluoridated water to 681,747 people.

Mr. Chairman and members of the Committee, the U.S. Public Health Service refers to water fluoridation as "one of the most effective public health interventions in the United States." The intention of this proposal is to improve the oral health of our children for their lifetimes and save the public millions of dollars in dental treatment costs.

Thank you for your consideration.

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5200 Huntoon Topeka, Kansas 66604 913-272-7360 FLUORIDATION STATUS OF CITIES OF MORE THAN 3300 POPULATION

BOLD INDICATES CITIES WITH ADEQUATE FLUORIDATION LEVELS THROUGH EITHER NATURAL FLUORIDE OR ADJUSTED FLUORIDE.

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1,688,504

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PROPOSED BILL NO.

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AN ACT concerning public water supply systems; requiring the addition of fluorides; amending K.S.A. 65-17lm and repealing the existing section.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:

Section 1. K.S.A. 65-171m is hereby amended to read as follows: 65-171m. The secretary of health and environment shall adopt rules and regulations for the implementation of K.S.A. 65-162a, 65-163, 65-163a, 65-170b and 65-171m et seq., and In addition to procedural rules and thereto. regulations, the secretary may adopt rules and regulations providing for but not limited to: (a) Primary drinking water standards applicable to all public water supply systems in the state. The primary drinking water standards may (1) identify contaminants which may have an adverse effect on the health of persons; (2) specify for each contaminant either a maximum contaminant level that is acceptable in water for human consumption, if it is economically and technologically feasible to ascertain the level of such contaminant in water in public water supply systems; or the treatment techniques or methods which lead to a reduction of the level of the contaminant sufficient to protect the public health, if it economically or technologically feasible to ascertain the level of the contaminant in the water in the public water supply system; and---(b)---establish--the (b) the establishment of requirements for adequate monitoring, maintenance of records and submission of reports, sampling and analysis of water, citing criteria and review and inspections to insure compliance with the contaminant levels or methods of treatment and to insure proper operation and maintenance of the public water supply system; and (c) the definition of different categories of public water supply systems such as community water supply systems and noncommunity water supply systems and may provide for varying requirements for monitoring, maintenance of records and reporting, sampling and analysis of water, citing criteria, and review and inspections based on numbers of persons served, source of supply whether surface or groundwater or other conditions as the secretary may determine to be in the interest of public health and welfare and economic benefits.

The standards established under this section shall be at least as stringent as the national primary drinking water regulations adopted under public law 93-523. No-primary-drinking water-standard-or-rule-and-regulation-may-require-the-addition-of fluorides-to-public-water-supplies-

New Sec. 2. (a) In order to promote the public health through the protection and maintenance of dental health, the secretary of health and environment shall adopt rules and regulations requiring the fluoridation of public water systems. By July 1, 1997, each public water supply system which regularly serves an average of at least 3,300 individuals daily at least 60 days out of the year shall provide to the secretary an estimate of the total capital costs to install fluoridation treatment. The rules and regulations adopted by the secretary shall take effect on January 1, 1998.

- (b) The rules and regulations shall include, but not be limited to, the following:
- (1) Minimum and maximum permissible concentrations of fluoride to be maintained by fluoridation of public water supply systems.
- (2) The requirements and procedures for maintaining proper concentrations of fluoride, including equipment, testing, recordkeeping, and reporting.
- (3) Requirements for the addition of fluorides to public water supply systems in which the natural level of fluorides is less than the minimum level established in the regulations.
 - (4) A schedule for the fluoridation of public water supply

systems which regularly serves an average of at least 3,300 individuals daily at least 60 days out of the year, based on the lowest capital cost per connection for each system.

New Sec. 3. (a) A public water supply system scheduled to fluoridate pursuant to paragraph (4) of subsection (b) of section 2 may comply with the rules and regulations adopted by the secretary pursuant to that section at any time, but is not required to comply until funds sufficient to pay capital costs for the system have become available from any source other than the public water supply system itself. For any year that funds are not appropriated or made available from any source other than the public water supply system itself for the costs described in subsection (g), a public water supply system shall not be required to comply with rules and regulations adopted by the department pursuant to section 2.

- (b) The secretary shall enforce this section and section 2, and all rules and regulations adopted pursuant to these sections, unless delegated pursuant to a local primary agreement.
- (c) If the owner or operator of any public water supply system subject to section 2 fails, or refuses, to comply with any rules and regulations adopted pursuant to section 2, or any order of the secretary implementing these regulations, the attorney general, upon the request of the secretary shall institute mandamus proceedings, or other appropriate proceedings, in order to compel compliance with the order, rule or regulation. This remedy shall be in addition to all other authorized remedies or sanctions.
- (d) Neither this section nor section 2 shall supersede subsection (b) of section 2.
- (e) The secretary shall seek all sources of funding for enforcement of this section and section 2, including, but not limited to:
 - (1) Federal block grants; and
 - (2) donations from private foundations.
 - (f) A public water supply system which regularly serves an

average less than 3,300 people daily at least 60 days out of the year may elect to comply with the rules and regulations for fluoridation established pursuant to this section and section 2.

Sec. 4. K.S.A. 65-171m is hereby repealed.

Sec. 5. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the statute book.



TESTIMONY

House Health and Human Services Committee January 23, 1996

RE: Clarification - Updating Podiatry Act

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Respectfully,

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

January 23, 1996

To: House Health and Human Services Rep. Carlos Mayans, Chairman

Re: HB 2594

Mr. Chairman, Members of the Committee, I thank you for allowing me to appear before you in support of HB 2594. This bill pertains to the Registered Masters Level Psychologists Act and simply changes some wording in the Act. This will allow graduates from a masters level program in Counseling Psychology at the University of Kansas to become registered under this Act.

I became aware of the problem this summer from one of my constituents who was denied registration, not because of her educationa background, but because of the wording of the current statutes. Since that time, I have communicated with several graduates who have experienced the same difficulty.

I will not elaborate, as I believe Kathy and others who have beer directly affected can better explain the need for this bill. Again, I thank you for hearing HB 2594 and I ask for your favorable consideration. I will be here if you have questions for me after you hear the testimony.

N.+H.S.Comm. 1-23-96 altm#4 Jody Patterson 26 Stouffer Place 5 Lawrence, KS 66044

Rep. Carlos Mayans Chairman of House Health and Human Services Committee State Capitol Topeka, KS 66612

RE: House Bill #2549

Dear Mr. Chairman and members of the committee,

I would like to express my gratitude for the opportunity to testify in favor of House Bill #2549.

After receiving a bachelor's degree in psychology, I began working as a case manager in a rural community mental health center. I provided counseling, as well as vocational and independent livings skills training to both children and adults with severe and persistent mental illness. After working in this setting for three years, I began to investigate my options for graduate school. I carefully examined all of the programs leading to a master's degree and chose the counseling psychology at the University of Kansas. This decision was based on the quality of the program and its accreditation by the American Psychological Association. It is my plan to receive a master's degree in counseling psychology and return to work in rural community mental health. It will be critical for me to become registered as a masters level psychologist, also known as a RMLP. I began working towards my degree in the fall of 1995 and soon learned that a master's degree in counseling psychology is ineligible for RMLP status.

It is my understanding that the reason for the denial is due to the current wording in the degree requirements for RMLPs. Specifically, it requires "a master's degree in clinical psychology "which rules out the degree I will receive from the University of Kansas. In contrast, the degree requirements for Ph.D. licensure state "a doctor's degree based on a program of studies in content primarily psychological ". The result of this difference in wording is that persons with a master's degree in counseling psychology from the University of Kansas are denied registration while those with doctoral degrees routinely receive licensure. This is despite the fact that the master's program operates within the Ph.D. program.

Upon further investigation, I also discovered that this leaves the University of Kansas without a terminal master's program with RMLP eligibility. In fact, the only programs that meet the degree requirements are the clinical psychology programs at Hays, Pittsburg, Emporia, and Washburn. This is despite that fact that as a state university, the University of Kansas serves as a referent in the state statutes.

The inability to obtain registration will have a negative impact on the graduates of the University of Kansas who receive a master's degree in counseling psychology. Many of us will be forced to transfer to other programs or relocate out of state. Eventually, this will result in lower enrollment at the University of Kansas. Personally, I will either need to transfer to one of the other aforementioned programs or be willing to return to work as a case manager, eventhough I will have completed a master's degree.

I urge the committee to support House Bill #2549. The wording of the current degree requirements for RMLPs needs to be changed so as to include graduates in counseling psychology from the University of Kansas. This can be accomplished by changing the wording to reflect the doctoral requirements; that is, " a master's degree based on a program of studies in content primarily psychological."

Thank you for considering this issue. I will be glad to answer any questions you might have.

Sincerely,

Jody Patterson

Christie Templin 1530 Tennessee #204 Lawrence, KS 66044

Rep. Carlos Mayans Chairman of House Health and Human Services Committee State Capitol Topeka, KS 66612

RE: House Bill #2549

January 21, 1995

Dear Mr. Chairman and members of the committee,

I appreciate the opportunity to write in support of House Bill #2549. I am a first year master's student in counseling psychology at the University of Kansas. It is my desire to become a Registered Masters Level Psychologist. Unfortunately, under the current degree requirements this is not possible. The current RMLP degree requirements in K.S.A. 74-5363 require that the applicant must have "a master's degree in clinical psychology based on a program of studies in psychology from an educational institution having a graduate program in psychology consistent with the state universities of Kansas." Students graduating from programs in "clinical psychology" with a master's degree may apply to be a RMLP.

In my case, however, I will graduate with a master's degree in "counseling psychology" from the University of Kansas. Therefore, according to the current degree requirements specifying a "clinical psychology" program, I am not eligible to become a RMLP even though my degree will be from a state university in Kansas.

I feel that the degree requirements for obtaining an RMLP should be similar to those of the licensed psychologist degree requirements in K.S.A. 74-5310. These degree requirements state, "the doctor's degree based on a program of studies in content primarily psychological from an educational institution having a graduate program with the standards consistent with those of the state universities of Kansas." Therefore, students at the University of Kansas who graduate with a Ph.D. in either clinical psychology or counseling psychology may be licensed at the doctoral level in Kansas.

My own professional goals include working in community mental health with children and their families. It is my desire to stay in the state of Kansas and obtain this type of employment. However, if I am not able to obtain registration in Kansas, it will be more difficult to obtain employment, and I will have to seek employment in other states where I

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I urge you, Mr. Chairman and members of the committee, to support House Bill #2549. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Christie Templin

Christie Tempin

To: Carlos Mayans, Chairman of Health and Human Services Committee

Re: House Bill #2594

Dear Mr. Chairman and members of the committee,

I appreciate the opportunity to speak in favor of House Bill #2594 today. This is a simple semantical change that does not impede the integrity of the Registered Master's Level Psychologist (RMLP) nor does it compromise public protection. However, this bill makes one vitally important allowance. It serves to correct an injustice which has been causing a needless political nightmare for me.

I received a master's degree from the counseling psychology department at The University of Kansas. It was my expectation that I would be able to practice as a master's level psychologist or counselor. This has not been the case. Upon applying for the RMLP credential, I have been instructed that my application cannot even be considered due to the semantics of the current law and of my degree title. In other words, the Behavioral Sciences Regulatory Board of Kansas (BSRB) will not even review my course work, practicum and training to see if I meet the stringent requirements. I am not asking to be given a credential that I am unqualified for. I am simply asking that I not be automatically denied due to a discrepancy in the wording of my degree.

The discrepancy between the semantics of the current statute and my degree title are as follows: counseling psychology departments in the United States have been traditionally housed in the schools of education so as not to compete with already existing psychology programs. Such is the case at the University of Kansas. At this time, the University of Kansas issues its degrees by the school, not the department. Therefore, I was issued a Master of Science in Education even though my graduate training is in Counseling Psychology. The current statute specifies that applicants must have a degree in some form of psychology, thus excluding me.

It is interesting, however, to look at the Ph.D. students in my same program. They do not encounter a problem because the statute for their credential, Licensed Psychologist, is written differently. (See Addendum #1) It reads: has received a doctor's degree based on a program of studies in content primarily psychological. This allows the Ph.D. applicants to be

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considered while the master's degree is part of the same program and is excluded.

All I am asking, is that the semantics of the statutes for both the masters and Ph.D. credentials become consistent, thus recognizing the legitimacy of both degrees of the same single program.

Furthermore, I have applied for an equivalent credential in Missouri and was accepted. I have chosen not to pursue this because Kansas is and has always been my home.

I also want to express that community mental health centers have reviewed my training and skills and feel I am qualified. In fact, I currently have a position waiting for me as an RMLP which I am eager to accept. (See addendum #2) My situation seems to fall between the cracks. I am a qualified professional and dedicated to providing services that help people in need, but I am not allowed to exercise those services in Kansas.

Finally, I have spoken with representatives of the KPA (Kansas Psychological Association), BSRB, and several community mental health centers all of which suggest they are not opposed to this action and in many cases have viewed it as a needed change. I have also met with one of the original writers of the RMLP statutes and regulations who viewed it as a positive change.

I believe this bill will serve justice and will also increase the consistency of our credentialing system in Kansas. Thank you for your time and consideration and I would be happy to respond to any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

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Representative Carlos Mayans, Chairman Health and Human Services Committee State Capital Building Topeka, KS 66612

Re:

House Bill 2594

Dear Chairman Mayans:

I am writing this letter in support of House Bill 2594. It is my understanding that this bill would allow such candidates such as Ms. Kathryn Mosher to apply for registration as a Registered Masters Level Psychologist through the Behavioral Sciences Regulatory Board.

Ms. Mosher has been employed with our agency since August 1994 as a children's case manager (bachelor's level position). She has been so employed simply because the current statutes do not allow her to qualify as a Registered Masters Level Psychologist in Kansas. However, I would advise the committee that Ms. Mosher's academic background is a strong one. She has also demonstrated a level of competence that is certainly equivalent to RMLP status. I find it unfortunate that we have not been able to afford her the opportunity to be employed and practice at the level for which she studied. Should this bill pass and Ms. Mosher successfully complete her application as a Registered Masters Level Psychologist then we will promptly offer her a position at this level. I urge your support for this bill.

Sincerely,

Ron Denney,

Executive Director

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ch. 299, \$ 14; June 1.

Attorney General's Opinions:

Unlicensed and licensed psychologists. 87-24. Masters Level psychologists; supervision; limitations on practice. 87-184.

Psychologists—licensure; practice; exempt set-

Licensure of psychologists; issuance license: qualifications. 92-7.

. Licensure of psychologists; definitions. 93-159_

74-5303.

History: L. 1967, ch. 432, \$3; L. 1978, ch. 308, \$ 67; Repealed, L. 1980, ch. 242, \$ 29; July 1.

74-5304.

History: L. 1967, ch. 432, \$ 4; Repealed, L. 1980, ch. 242, \$ 29; July 1.

74-5305.

History: L. 1967, ch. 432, \$5; L. 1974, ch. 348, \$ 77; Repealed, L. 1980, ch. 242, \$ 29; July 1.

74-5306 to 74-5309.

History: L. 1967, ch. 432, \$5 6 to 9; Repealed, L. 1980, ch. 242, \$ 29; July 1.

CASE ANNOTATIONS

1. 74-5308 cited in upholding board's revocation of psychologist's certificate. Morra v. State Board of Examiners of Psychologists, 212 K. 103, 107, 510 P.2d 614.

74-5310. Issuance of license; fee; qualifications (a) The board shall issue a license as a psychologist to any person who pays a fee prescribed by the board, not in excess of one \$150, which shall not be refunded, who either satisfies the board as to such person's training and experience after a thorough review of person's credentials or who passes a satisfactory examination in psychology. Any person paying the fee must also submit evidence verified by oath and satisfactory to the board that such person: (1) Is at least 21 years of age; (2) is of good moral charac-

ter; (3) has received the doctor's trudies degree based on a program of studies in content primarily psychological S from an educational institution having a graduate program with standards consistent with those of the state universities of Kansas, or the substantial equivalent of such program in both subject matter and extent of training; and (4) has had at least two years of supervised experience, a significant portion of which shall have been spent in rendering psychological services satisfying the board's approved standards for the psychological service concerned.

(b) The board shall adopt rules establishing the regulations and criteria which an educational institution shall satisfy in meeting the requirements established under item (3) of subsection (a). The board may send a questionnaire developed by the board to any educational institution for which the board does not have sufficient information to determine whether the educational institution meets the requirements of item (3) [of] subsection (a) and rules and regulations adopted under this section. The questionnaire providing the necessary information shall be completed and returned to the board in order for the educational institution to be considered for approval. The board may contract with investigative agencies, commissions or consultants to assist the board in obtaining information about educational institutions. In entering such contracts the authority to approve educational institutions shall remain solely with the board.

History: L. 1967, ch. 432, \$ 10; L. 1969, ch. 393, sS 1; L. 1972, ch. 309, § 1; L 1986, ch. 299, § 15; L. 1988, ch. 243, s\$ 15; L. 1990, ch. 286 \$ 3; May 24.

Cross References to Related Sections: Certificates continued in effect, see 74-7509.

Law Review and Bar Journal References:

"The Psychotherapists' Privilege, "Craig Kennedy, 12 M.L.J. 297, 309 (1973).

Testimony on HB 2594 House Committee on Health and Human Services

James W. Lichtenberg, Ph.D. University of Kansas Professor and Director of Training

Mr. Chairman and Members of the Committee:

My name is Jim Lichtenberg. I am a Professor in the Department of Counseling Psychology of the University of Kansas School of Education. I also have with me today Karen Gallagher, Dean of the School of Educaton and Edward Heck, Chair of the Department.

I appear today in support of HB 2594. As you have heard, HB 2594 corrects what I believe is a "semantic obstacle" to the registration of qualified applicants who are graduates of our Masters Program in Counseling Psychology.

As you can tell from reading the bill, under the current law, there are three educational avenues by which an individual may meet the education requirements for this registration:

They are:

(a) completion of a master's degree in clinical psychology,

(b) a master's degree in psychology, with statutorily stipulated requisite coursework, or

(c) successful completion of comprehensive examinations or equivalent final examination in doctoral program in psychology.

HB 2594 specifically addresses a semantic problem in the current registration statute which is increasingly being encountered by graduates of our program.

KU has offered coursework in Counseling Psychology since the mid-1950's. In the early years, the largest number of our graduates obtained employment in higher education settings. Like most Counseling Psychology programs across the nation, our program is based in the School of Education at KU. Nevertheless, the curriculum for the program consists of courses in Psychology as you will find on the handout.

The degree we confer is titled a "Master of Science in Education," which according to an opinion of the Attorney General, is not a "master's degree is psychology" as required by statute, even though the curriculum fulfills the requirements of the state law on registration.

This creates the problem which HB 2594 would correct.

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Historically, many of our students pursued employment in higher education or other settings where the issue of registration is not important. A number of our students still pursue these practice settings. Increasingly, however, our graduates desire to seek employment in Kansas community mental health centers and hospital settings, settings for which our curriculum provides appropriate training in counseling psychology. Nothing prevents their employment in these settings, but I believe the issue of third party reimbursement increasingly makes these potential employers desire these individuals qualify for registration under Kansas law.

Due to this problem, which I would describe as idiosyncratic, we have Kansas natives, educated in Kansas increasingly looking towards out-of-state employment opportunities because the same type of professional practice barriers do not exist. Although many of our students still seek employment in settings which do **not** require registration, and others continue their work pursuing a Ph.D. program, not all are affected. But I know from the inquiries I have received, that it is a growing issue. I think you have heard from the students' perspective here today.

To quote the fiscal note from the Executive Director of the Behavioral Sciences Regulatory Board regarding this bill:

"Presently, the specificity of the language in the current . . . statute creates a legal barrier which appears to exist simply on the basis of semantics or degree nomenclature, rather than logic or intent. Representative Empson's HB 2594 would remove this barrier but would not alter the nature, areas, or amount of coursework required for the RMLP registration. In summary, HB 2594 would remove a semantic obstacle but would preserve intact the educational integrity and coursework requirements contained in the current RMLP statutes."

Thank you.

PARTMENT OF COUNSELING PSY()LOGY PROGRAM FOR THE DEGREE MASTER OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION

The Department of Counseling Psychology has as its primary purpose the preparation of professional personnel in the field of Counseling Psychology. The master's degree is the first professional degree in the field. Graduates holding this degree should have achieved the basic understandings and skills necessary for professional practice as a Counselor.

The department offers three areas of emphasis in the Ms.Ed. program, elementary school counseling, secondary school counseling, and counseling psychology. Students seeking admission to one of the public school areas of emphasis must be eligible for certification as a classroom teacher. The master's degree provides the graduate level academic background required for certification as a public school counselor in Kansas. Students who do not desire public school certification or who have an undergraduate degree in an area other than education should apply for the counseling psychology area of emphasis.

Students earning degrees in one of the school counseling tracks normally seek employment in public schools. Those earning degrees in the counseling psychology track have become employed in junior and community colleges, four year colleges, specialized areas in large universities (e.g. career planning and placement, drug and alcohol counseling), the court system, and community based mental health services. Many go on for doctoral degrees.

Admissions:

Persons whose previous records indicate the ability to succeed with advanced work may be admitted to the Graduate School. Ordinarily, admission requires a bachelors degree with an undergraduate average of approximately "B" overall and in the student's major field, from the University of Kansas or from another institution with substantially equivalent requirements for the bachelor's degree. Persons who do not have undergraduate degrees in Education or one of the behavioral sciences must have completed a minimum of 15 hours in behavioral science as a part of their undergraduate program. Persons who do not meet this requirement must complete the required hours before being considered for admission.

Admission to the Graduate School does not imply admission to candidacy for a higher degree. A student becomes a candidate for an advanced degree only by completing, through resident study at the University, the course of study associated with the degree. Requirements specified for any advanced degree must be regarded as minimum requirements. Additional requirements depend upon the student's undergraduate preparation, background experiences, and the particular field of graduate work chosen.

Admission Deadline:

Admission to the master's program is competitive with a limited number of applicants admitted to each track. Applicants will be admitted only for the year for which they apply and only for the track for which they apply. An applicant who does not enter during the specified year must reapply for a later year if admission is again desired. The admission deadline is March 1st, to begin study the following summer term or fall semester. The deadline is strictly observed, and students who do not meet the deadline will not be permitted to enroll through the Department.

Application Procedures:

The applicant is responsible for providing the following materials to the **Department of Counseling Psychology.** Applications cannot be acted upon until all materials are received.

- a. Completed **Graduate School Application Form**. (To ensure proper handling of the application, this form should be received by our office before other materials arrive.)
- b. Completed Application Summary Form.
- c. Two official transcripts of all previous college work.
- d. Letter of recommendation from three people who can evaluate the candidate's professional, academic, and vocational performance, and describe his/her personal characteristics. Placement Center credentials may not be substituted for recommendation letters.
- g. **Current GRE scores** (verbal and quantitative) (counseling psychology track only). Have scores sent to institution number R6871 Department 2005.

h. \$25.00 application fee -- payable to School of Education- SRO.

In order to minimize the possibility of lost or misplaced materials $\underline{\bf all}$ application materials should be sent to:

Admissions Coordinator
Department of Counseling Psychology
School of Education
116 Bailey Hall
The University of Kansas
Lawrence, KS 66045

The Department makes every effort to inform applicants of required materials which have not been received by our office. However, an applicant who does not hear from the Department within a reasonable time after submitting the application form should contact the Department regarding the status of the application.

Degree Requirements

The following program tracks represent degree requirements as approved at the present time. This is included to provide the applicant with information about the general nature of the program. As program revision is a continuing process, it is possible that degree requirements may be altered at any time. The student is responsible for the degree coursework requirements as they stand at the time of their first enrollment as a degree seeking student.

Candidates must select one of three tracks. Those selecting any of the three will complete a minimum of 45 hours of graduate credit. At least 5 hours of graduate credit will be earned in fulfilling the Research Requirement. The Research options available to the student are described below in the section titled "General Requirements for the Master of Science Degree".

Master of Science in Education with Emphasis in Elementary Counseling					
CPSY 740	Counseling Laboratory	3 hrs.			
CPSY 742	Counseling Theory & Techniques I	3 hrs.			
CPSY 830	Individual & Group Assessment	3 hrs.			
CPSY 840	Guidance & Counseling in the Public Scho	ol3 hrs.			
CPSY 844	Group Theory & Process	3 hrs.			
CPSY 846	Introduction to Career Development	3 hrs.			
EPR 702	Advanced Educational Psychology:				
	Development and Education of the Child	3 hrs.			
EPR 725	Educational Measurement	3 hrs.			
Elective	To be chosen in consultation with advisor	2-3 hrs.			
CPSY 842	Counseling Practicum	9 hrs.			
	Option - See "General Requirements"	<u>5-7 hrs.</u>			
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	CPSY		Guidance & Counseling in the Public School	13 hrs.
	CPSY		Group Theory & Process	3 hrs.
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CPSY 844	Group Theory & Process	3 hrs.
CPSY 846	Introduction to Career Development	3 hrs.
CPSY 880	Legal, Ethical, and Professional Issues	3 hrs.
EPR 725	Educational Measurement	3 hrs.
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CPSY 842	Counseling Practicum	9 hrs.
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General Requirements for M.S.Ed. Degree

Required Research Component

Candidates will select one of two options in fulfilling the research requirement. The primary difference between the thesis and non-thesis degree is one which reflects both the student's career interests and research background. For those who plan to carry on research as a major component of their career or who plan to pursue a more advanced degree, the thesis option is usually recommended. The option selected should be decided upon in consultation with the student's advisor.

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Non-Thesis	EPR 710 EPR 712 EPR 790	Statistics I <u>or</u> Educational Research & Evaluation <u>or</u> Conducting Research in Education	3 hrs. 3 hrs. 3 hrs.	
,	and CPSY 898	Master's Research	2 hrs.	

Final Examination

A final oral examination covering coursework and the master's research project or thesis is required of all candidates for the degree of Master of Science in Education. The oral examination is administered by a committee consisting of at least three members of the Graduate Faculty, one of whom must be from outside of the Department of Counseling Psychology. The examination is held when the thesis or project has been completed. A majority opinion will be reached by the examining committee as to the evaluation of the student's performance. The performance will be evaluated as satisfactory or unsatisfactory.

Practicum

The Master's practicum is the last course taken in the program. It consists of spending a minimum of 8 hours each week at a site, providing counseling services, receiving supervision, attending staffings, etc. In addition, students should expect to spend some time during the day (i.e. 8-5) each week receiving supervision on the Lawrence campus.

Program Time Limits

Students have six years from the date of first enrollment in which to complete the requirements for the master's degree. Graduate courses completed more than six years prior to the time when all requirements have been met for the degree may not be offered in partial fulfillment of the requirements for the degree. A full-time student who first enrolls in the fall term may expect to complete the degree at the end of the next fall semester. Many full-time students extend their programs over two full academic years. A part-time student should anticipate taking a minimum of two and a half to three calendar years to complete the degree.

10812 W. 128th Place Overland Park, KS 66213 January 21, 1996

Representative Carlos Mayans Chairman of the Health and Human Services Committee State Capitol Topeka, Kansas 66612

Re: House Bill 2594

Dear Mr. Chairman and members of the committee:

I appreciate the opportunity to testify in favor of House Bill 2594. The passage of this bill would enhance my ability to obtain employment consistent with my level of education. This bill would affect individuals who graduate from psychology programs whose degree does not specify psychology.

At the University of Kansas, the Counseling Psychology Department is under the School of Education. At K.U. degrees are given out by school rather than by department. Thus my masters degree is in education even though my degree is psychological in nature.

House Bill 2594 would change the wording of the state's requirements for a Registered Masters Level Psychologist from 'a masters degree in psychology' to 'a masters degree primarily psychological in nature'. This would not change the state's requirements regarding content and number of psychology courses needed for becoming a Registered Masters Level Psychologist. It would not, therefore, change the level of preparation required to become a Registered Masters Level Psychologist, and the standard of services provided by Registered Masters Level Psychologists would not be affected.

This change has already occurred on the doctoral level with out negative effect. It certainly seems appropriate that the semantics of the regulations of the State of Kansas are consistent with the semantics of the degree programs of the University of Kansas.

Because of the current wording of this regulation, I am employed in a bachelor's level position and unable to advance. When I applied for employment with Johnson County Mental Health, I was being considered for a masters level position. As I was unable to meet the requirements for registration as a Masters Level Psychologist, I did not qualify for the

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I certainly appreciate having had the opportunity to support House Bill 2594 and would be happy to answer any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

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Jo. The Honoraide Callos Mayans Chairman of Heater and Human Jervices Committee From: Victoria B. Guyton, M.S. Ed. Date: January 23, 1994 Subject: Horise Bill 2594

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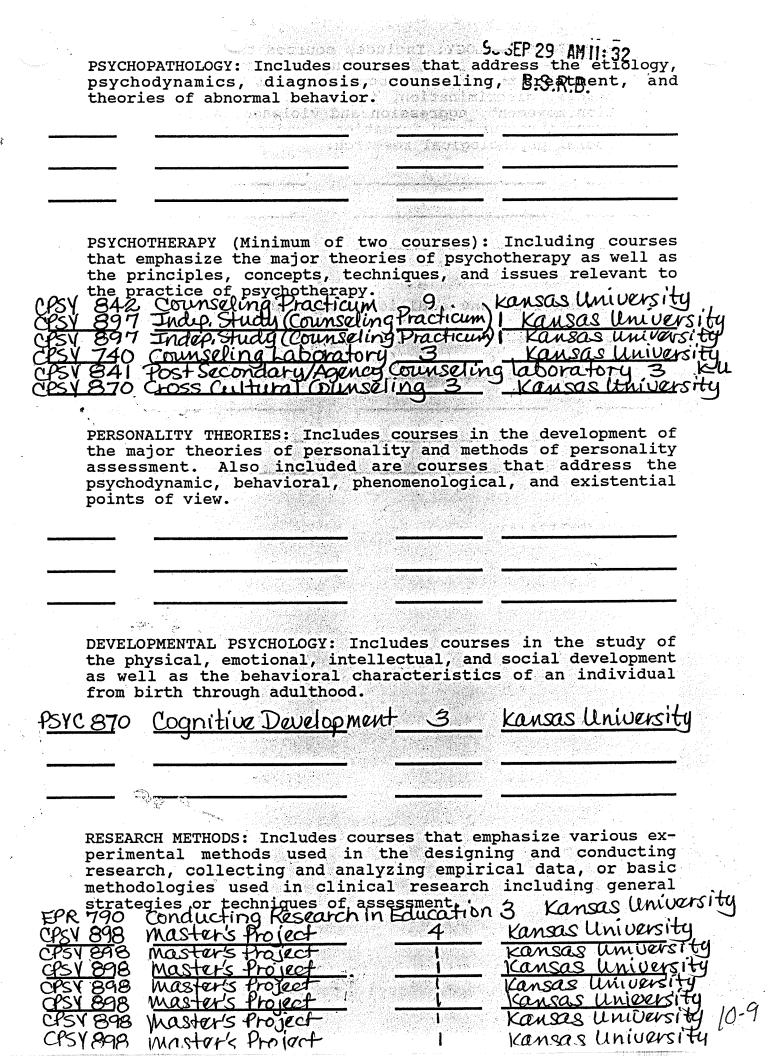
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DOCUMENTATION OF ACADEMIC BACKGROUND FORM FOR REGISTERED MASTERS LEVEL PSYCHOLOGIST

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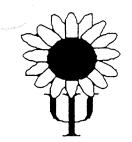
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HOUSE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE TESTIMONY RE: HOUSE BILL No. 2594
Presented by David Elsbury, RMLP on behalf of Kansas Association of Masters in Psychology January 23, 1996

Mr. Chairman, Members of the Committee:

My name is David Elsbury and I am President of the Kansas Association of Masters in Psychology (KAMP). KAMP is chapter of the Northamerican Association of Masters in Psychology. It's membership is comprised of persons who share an interest in the practice of psychology at the master degree level.

It has come to the attention of the Board of KAMP that Representative Empson has authored a bill which is before this Committee to assist one of her constituents in becoming qualified for registration as a Registered Master Level Psychologist. It is understood that Bill No. 2594 would allow persons who hold a master's degree in a field other than psychology but whose graduate hours meet certain criteria to become qualified for registration. It is understood that this change only applies to small number of individuals. The exact number is unknown.

The Board of KAMP discourages the Committee from acting favorably toward this bill because it waters down the educational requirements and qualifications for the Registered Master Level Psychologist, who provides part of the backbone for the community mental health system of Kansas. Unlike a doctorate degree in psychology, a master's degree in other branches of psychology, such as counseling or industrial psychology, often does not provide training in areas needed for clinical practice.

It is the Board's understanding that Representative Empson is attempting to help one of her constituents overcome an employment problem after completing a degree which did not qualify her for registration. KAMP is not wanting to be insensitive to this person's professional difficulties. However, we do not believe that altering the statute is an appropriate manner to solve the employment problems of one or a small group of persons.

In fact, KAMP is preparing, along with the other members of the Mental Health Credentialing Coalition through the representation of Ron and Julie Hein, to introduce a bill which is designed to handle issues such as this so that the Legislature does not have to work out every professional or credentialing

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issue. The Mental Health Credentialing Coalition's bill will propose licensing for the currently registered master level mental health providers, without changes in scope of practice, and give them equal representation on the Behavioral Sciences Regulatory Board so that credentialing issues for existing and new groups can be hammered out and a recommendation given to the Legislature for action. Issues contained in Representative Emspon's bill could then be resolved in the Behavioral Sciences Regulatory Board without such narrow issues being brought to the Legislature.

In summary, this committee is encouraged to not alter K.S.A. 74-5363 because it is not wise to change the law for a small group of individuals and reduce the educational requirements for an established profession within the mental health field of Kansas.

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House Concurrent Resolution No. 5030

By Committee on Health and Human Services

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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION urging all health insurers providing coverage for maternity benefits to provide their insureds who are eligible for obstetrical care with at least 72 hours of inpatient care following delivery of a newborn child.

WHEREAS, Some health insurers offer incentives for and others mandate early hospital discharges for mothers and their newborn children, a practice which, according to the centers for disease control and prevention, has decreased the median length of stay from 1970 to 1992 by 46% for vaginal deliveries and by 49% for caesarean deliveries; and

WHEREAS, Some insured mothers and their newborn children have been required to depart hospitals 24 hours after the delivery; and

WHEREAS, Length of stay may affect the recovery of the mother and the newborn's stabilization and screening tests, and cases have been reported of injury to and death of newborn children who left the hospital 24 hours after delivery; and

WHEREAS, The American college of obstetricians and gynecologists and the American academy of pediatrics developed guidelines for perinatal care which provide that when no complications are present, the postpartum hospital stay ranges from 48 hours for vaginal delivery to 96 hours for caesarean birth, excluding the day of delivery; and

WHEREAS, Health insurers are licensed to do business to serve as a device to distribute risk of economic loss among Kansans so that each insured Kansan is better able to pay health care providers for proper treatment of one's health care needs, not for early hospital discharges driven primarily by the insurers financial considerations which cause the insured to be at-risk-Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Kansas, the Senate concurring therein: That all insurers providing health benefit plans in Kansas that provide coverage for maternity benefits are urged to provide their insureds who are eligible for obstetrical care with at least 72 hours of inpatient care following delivery of a newborn child and provide notice of this coverage to their insureds as soon as possible; and

Be it further resolved: That the commissioner of insurance shall notify all affected insurers of the provisions of this resolution; and

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WHEREAS, the state of Kansas has only limited data on the frequency of maternity discharges, the reasons for such the availability of discharges, home care covered services by insurance the and incidence any adverse medical of consequences of early maternity discharge:

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Be it further resolved: That the commissioner of insurance is directed to report to the legislature by February 1, 1997, any information the insurance department has regarding compliance by insurers with this resolution and any complaints the insurance department has received from insureds concerning early hospitalization discharges following obstetrical delivery; and

Be it further resolved: That the secretary of state be directed to send enrolled copies of this resolution to the state department of insurance and to the commissioner of insurance, Kathleen Sebelius, 420 S.W. 9th Street, Topeka, Kansas 66612-1678.

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