

MEMORANDUM

To: House Committee on Health and Human Services
From: The Office of Revisor of Statutes
Date: February 5, 2025
Subject: HB 2069 - Enacting the school psychologist compact to provide interstate practice privileges for school psychologists.

HB 2069, as introduced, would enact the school psychologist compact to provide interstate practice privileges to school psychologists.

Section 1 states the purpose of the school psychologist compact, which is to facilitate the interstate practice of school psychology in educational or school settings and in so doing to improve the availability of school psychological services to the public.

Section 2 provides definitions for terms used throughout the compact. The definition of “school psychologist” in subsection (x) means an individual who has met the requirements to obtain a home state license that legally conveys the professional title of school psychologist or its equivalent as determined by the rules of the commission.

Section 3 sets out the criteria for states to participate in the compact. These include requirements for enacting a compact statute that is not materially different from the model compact, participation in information sharing with other member states to accomplish the goals of the compact and the licensure requirements for an applicant seeking a home state license.

Section 4 sets out the criteria for school psychologists to participate in the compact. These include holding an active home state license and satisfaction of applicable state specific requirements established by the member state after an equivalent license is granted.

Section 5 states that an active military member or their spouse shall be deemed to hold a home state license in the licensee's permanent residence, a member state that is the licensee's primary state of practice or a member state where the licensee has relocated pursuant to a permanent change of station.

Section 6 outlines the ability for a member state to investigate or impose disciplinary measures on licensees according to state practice laws.

Section 7 establishes the school psychologist interstate licensure compact commission and designates the commission's power and authority.

Section 8 requires that the commission provide for the development and maintenance of a coordinated data system for all applicants for a multistate license in all member states.

Section 9 requires that the commission adopt rules and regulations to implement and administer the provisions of the compact.

Section 10 sets out the rules for oversight, dispute resolution and enforcement of the compact.

Section 11 states that the effective date of the commission is upon passage in the 7th member state. Procedures for a state's withdrawal and amendment of the compact are also provided.

Section 12 contains a severability clause, which gives instructions to a court interpreting the compact if a provision is held unconstitutional. The commission is also granted authority to deny a state's participation in the compact if a constitutional requirement of the state is a material departure from the compact.

Section 13 provides that nothing in the compact is to prevent or inhibit the enforcement of any other law or regulation in a participating state.

HB 2069 would take effect after its publication in the statute book on July 1, 2025.