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SENATE BILL 337

Short Title: Lic. Clinical Counselors Accreditation Mods. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Burgin, Krawiec, and Corbin (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to: Rules and Operations of the Senate

March 21, 2023

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO MAKE CHANGES TO THE ACCREDITATION ASSOCIATIONS ACCEPTED FOR LICENSURE AS A LICENSED CLINICAL MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELOR ASSOCIATE.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. G.S. 90-336 reads as rewritten:

"§ 90-336. **Title and qualifications for licensure.**

...

(b2) The Board shall issue a license as a "licensed clinical mental health counselor associate" to an applicant who applies on or after July 1, 2022, and meets all of the following criteria:

(1) Has earned a minimum of 60 semester hours or 90 quarter hours of graduate training as defined by the Board, including a master's degree in counseling or related field from an institution of higher education that is accredited by the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational ~~Programs.~~ Programs, the Masters in Psychology and Counseling Accreditation Council, or equivalent accreditation program approved by the Board.

(2) Has passed an examination in accordance with rules adopted by the Board.

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SECTION 2. The Board of Licensed Clinical Mental Health Counselors shall adopt temporary rules to implement the provisions of this act.

SECTION 3. This act becomes effective October 1, 2023.

