

A-Engrossed
House Bill 2314

Ordered by the House March 18
Including House Amendments dated March 18

Sponsored by Representatives GREENLICK, KOMP (Pre-session filed.)

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure.

Allows person who is working as school social worker to be exempt from [*licensing requirements of clinical social workers*] **prohibition against person who is not regulated social worker using title, words or abbreviations indicating that person has authorization to practice regulated social work.**

Updates provision setting forth requirements for clinical social worker licensure.
Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to social workers; amending ORS 675.520 and 675.530; and declaring an emergency.

3 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

4 **SECTION 1.** ORS 675.520 is amended to read:

5 675.520. (1) A person may not use any title, words or abbreviations, including the title "social
6 worker," that indicate that the person has an authorization to practice regulated social work unless
7 the person is a regulated social worker.

8 (2) Subsection (1) of this section does not prohibit:

9 (a) The use of the educational designations "Bachelor of Social Work" or "Master's of Social
10 Work" by a person who is not a regulated social worker[.]; **or**

11 **(b) The use of the title "school social worker" by a person who:**

12 **(A) Is not a regulated social worker;**

13 **(B) Holds a master's degree in social work from an accredited college or university; and**

14 **(C) Is licensed as a school social worker by the Teacher Standards and Practices Com-**
15 **mission.**

16 **SECTION 2.** ORS 675.530, as amended by section 9, chapter 442, Oregon Laws 2009, is amended
17 to read:

18 675.530. (1) If an applicant for initial licensure as a clinical social worker has complied with the
19 requirements of this section and has paid the fee under ORS 675.571, the State Board of Licensed
20 Social Workers shall issue a license to the applicant.

21 (2) An applicant for licensure as a clinical social worker shall submit evidence satisfactory to
22 the board that the applicant:

23 (a) Has complied with all applicable provisions of ORS 675.510 to 675.600 and the applicable
24 rules of the board;

25 (b) Holds a master's degree in social work from a college or university accredited by an ac-
26 crediting organization recognized by the board;

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted.
New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 (c) Has completed the equivalent of two years of full-time experience in the field of clinical so-
2 cial work in accordance with rules of the board;

3 (d) [*Holds a certificate of clinical social work associate issued under ORS 675.537 before January*
4 *1, 2011, or holds a valid master's social worker license issued under ORS 675.533*] **Has satisfactorily**
5 **completed the requirements for certification as a clinical social work associate under ORS**
6 **675.537**; and

7 (e) If required under ORS 675.535, has passed the written examination for licensure as a clinical
8 social worker.

9 (3) The board shall adopt rules relating to the clinical experience required under subsection
10 (2)(c) of this section after consultation with persons active in the field of clinical social work. The
11 rules may allow for including experience obtained in the course of the study of social work as part
12 of the clinical experience required under subsection (2)(c) of this section.

13 **SECTION 3. This 2011 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**
14 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2011 Act takes effect**
15 **on its passage.**

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