

# HB2931: Behavior Analysis Interventionists with College Degrees

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## Background:

- Behavior Analysis Interventionists are paraprofessionals provide Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) therapy services under the supervision of licensed behavior analysts, licensed assistant behavior analysts, or other licensed health care professionals whose scope of practice includes ABA
  - They are registered and regulated by the Health Licensing Office.
- The current statute specifically requires either a high school diploma or GED certificate.
  - Unfortunately, some qualified individuals with college degrees or even graduate degrees have been denied registration because they lack either a high school diploma or GED certificate – even though their education exceeds the minimum requirement.

## Key Elements of New Legislation:

- Revises educational requirement to clarify that a degree from a post-secondary institution is an acceptable substitute for a high school diploma:

676.815. The Health Licensing Office shall establish by rule criteria for the registration of behavior analysis interventionists. The criteria must include, but are not limited to, the requirement that the applicant:

(1) Have a high school diploma [*or*], a General Educational Development (GED) certificate **or a degree from a post-secondary institution;**

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