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To: Ways and Means Full Committee
From: Education Subcommittee
Re: HB 3355 Relating to prescribing psychologists

Representative Smith Warner: “HB 3355 authorizes the Board of Psychologist Examiners to issue either full or conditional certificates, permitting licensed psychologists with certain experience and education to prescribe drugs that are used in mental health treatment, excluding opiate-based narcotics. A certificate of prescriptive authority must be renewed every two years. Psychologists holding a conditional certificate of prescribing authority may only prescribe a drug if a licensed prescribing physician or prescribing nurse practitioner approves the prescription in writing.

In addition, the bill establishes the nine-member Committee on Prescribing Psychologists within the Board of Psychologist Examiners to advise the Board on this prescriptive authority certificate program. The bill allows the Board to impose fees to cover the associated costs. The bill includes a \$55,762 Other Funds limitation for the Board of Psychologist Examiners to fund startup costs for developing the certificate program.

The Education Subcommittee recommends HB 3355 be amended by the –A17 amendment and be reported out do pass, as amended.”