A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to behavior analysis interventionists; creating new provisions; amending ORS 676.815; and prescribing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. ORS 676.815 is amended to read:

676.815. (1) 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) (a) Have a high school diploma, a modified diploma, a certificate for passing an approved high school equivalency test such as the General Educational Development (GED) test or a degree from a post-secondary institution;

[(2) (b) Be at least 18 years of age;

[(3) (c) Have successfully completed a state and nationwide criminal records check that requires fingerprinting;

[(4) (d) Have completed at least 40 hours of professional training in applied behavior analysis approved by the office by rule; and

[(5) (e) Receive ongoing training and supervision by a licensed behavior analyst, by a licensed assistant behavior analyst or by another licensed health care professional.

(2) The office shall adopt rules to establish a process to issue a provisional registration to an applicant for registration under subsection (1) of this section. The provisional registration:

(a) Must be issued to the applicant if the applicant meets the criteria for registration under subsection (1) of this section;

(b) Must be issued within five business days of the date on which the office received the completed application for registration under subsection (1) of this section if, within the

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five-day period, the office has not issued to the applicant a registration under subsection (1) of this section; and

(c) Expires on the date on which registration under subsection (1) of this section is issued to the applicant or, if the applicant is denied registration, on the date on which the registration is denied.

SECTION 2. The amendments to ORS 676.815 by section 1 of this 2023 Act apply to applications received on and after the operative date specified in section 3 of this 2023 Act.

SECTION 3. (1) The amendments to ORS 676.815 by section 1 of this 2023 Act become operative on October 1, 2023.

(2) The Health Licensing Office may take any action before the operative date specified in subsection (1) of this section that is necessary to enable the office to exercise, on and after the operative date specified in subsection (1) of this section, all of the duties, functions and powers conferred on the office by the amendments to ORS 676.815 by section 1 of this 2023 Act.

SECTION 4. The Health Licensing Office shall contract with a third party to study access to behavior analysis interventionists in this state. The office shall submit a report in the manner provided by ORS 192.245, and may include recommendations for legislation, to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to health care no later than September 15, 2024.

SECTION 5. Section 4 of this 2023 Act is repealed on January 2, 2025.

SECTION 6. This 2023 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the date on which the 2023 regular session of the Eighty-second Legislative Assembly adjourns sine die.