

February 13, 2023

Chairman Rob Nosse
Vice Chair Christine Goodwin
Vice Chair Travis Nelson
House Committee On Behavioral Health and Health Care

Re: House Bill 2048
Relating to behavior analysis interventionists; prescribing an effective date.

Dear Chair Nosse, Vice Chair Goodwin, Vice Chair Nelson, and Members of the
Committee on Behavioral Health and Health Care

I write to you today on behalf of The Council of Autism Service Providers (CASP)
regarding House Bill 2048.

CASP is a non-profit association of organizations committed to providing evidence-based care to individuals with autism. CASP represents the autism provider community to the nation at large, including government, payers, and the general public. We provide information and education and promote standards that enhance quality of care. We are also home to the clinical practice guidelines for applied behavior analysis, "[Applied Behavior Analysis Treatment of Autism Spectrum Disorder: Practice Guidelines for Healthcare Funders and Managers \(2nd ed.\)](#)"¹(Practice Guidelines).

We appreciate the efforts of Chair Nosse to ensure ongoing access to medically necessary care for people with autism through the provision of applied behavior analysis as described in the previously mentioned Practice Guidelines.

We support the provisional licensure of behavior analysis interventionists who have met the criteria set forth in [proposed amendment 1](#) to HB 2048, which states that the applicant meets the criteria for registration under subsection 1 of HB 2048, which states an applicant must:

¹ Council of Autism Service Providers. 2020. *Applied Behavior Analysis Treatment of Autism Spectrum Disorders: Practice Guidelines for Healthcare Funders and managers (2nd ed.)* <https://casproviders.org/asd-guidelines/>.

1. 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. Be at least 18 years of age;
3. Have successfully completed a state and nationwide criminal records check that requires fingerprinting;
4. Have completed at least 40 hours of professional training in applied behavior analysis approved by the office by rule; and
5. Receive ongoing training and supervision by a licensed behavior analyst, by a licensed assistant behavior analyst or by another licensed health care professional.

Should you need additional information or have questions or suggestions, please do not hesitate to contact me at jursitti@casproviders.org.

Respectfully,



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