

Submitter: Amanda Parish
On Behalf Of:
Committee: House Committee On Behavioral Health
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4083

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My name is Amanda Parish and I am an LCSW. I received a notice from the BLSW this morning about notifying me that there would be a hearing on this bill and the deadline for submission of testimony was in three hours. That is a short amount of time to fully analyze this bill and prepare testimony. I may have missed prior notices or a survey of licensees by the Board regarding the content of this bill. Therefore, my position is neutral because some answers to basic questions have not been answered to my satisfaction and I recommend the committee pause before making any final decisions so those who would be affected by the bill have more time to consider the implications of any changes that may occur.

A few questions I have are:

1. What is the problem this bill seeks to solve?
2. Why now? Is the true driver of this legislation mostly budgetary? Operational?
3. What would this change look like operationally for social workers?
4. How would LMSW's, RBSW's be affected?
5. Who benefits the most from this change?
6. Will social workers be able to choose who supervises them (LCSW, LMFT, LPC) or will they have to go with whoever is available?

In summary, please pause action on this bill until more answers are communicated to those who are affected.

Sincerely,,

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