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By Committee on Health & Long-Term Care

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1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the  
2 following:

3 "Sec. 1. RCW 18.19.020 and 2001 c 251 s 18 are each amended to  
4 read as follows:

5 ~~((Unless the context clearly requires otherwise,))~~ The definitions  
6 in this section apply throughout this chapter unless the context  
7 clearly requires otherwise.

8 (1) "Agency" means an agency or facility operated, licensed, or  
9 certified by the state of Washington.

10 (2) "Agency affiliated counselor" means a person registered under  
11 this chapter who is engaged in counseling and employed by an agency.

12 (3) "Certified counselor" means a person certified under this  
13 chapter who is engaged in private practice counseling.

14 (4) "Client" means an individual who receives or participates in  
15 counseling or group counseling.

16 ~~((+2))~~ (5) "Counseling" means employing any therapeutic  
17 techniques, including but not limited to social work, mental health  
18 counseling, marriage and family therapy, and hypnotherapy, for a fee  
19 that offer, assist or attempt to assist an individual or individuals in  
20 the amelioration or adjustment of mental, emotional, or behavioral  
21 problems, and includes therapeutic techniques to achieve sensitivity  
22 and awareness of self and others and the development of human  
23 potential. For the purposes of this chapter, nothing may be construed  
24 to imply that the practice of hypnotherapy is necessarily limited to  
25 counseling.

26 ~~((+3))~~ (6) "Counselor" means an individual, practitioner,  
27 therapist, or analyst who engages in the practice of counseling to the  
28 public for a fee, including for the purposes of this chapter,  
29 hypnotherapists.

30 ~~((+4))~~ (7) "Department" means the department of health.

1        ~~((+5))~~ (8) "Hypnotherapist" means a person registered under this  
2 chapter who is practicing hypnosis as a modality.

3        (9) "Mental disorder" means, for the purposes of this chapter, a  
4 score of sixty or lower on the global assessment of functioning scale  
5 as set forth in the 1994 edition of the diagnostic and statistical  
6 manual of mental disorders, 4th edition.

7        (10) "Private practice counseling" means the practice of counseling  
8 by a certified counselor and is limited to: (a) Appropriate screening  
9 of the client's condition. Recognition of a mental or physical  
10 disorder requires that the certification holder recommend that the  
11 client seek diagnosis and treatment from an appropriate health care  
12 professional; and (b) counseling and guiding clients in adjusting to  
13 life situations, developing new skills, and making desired changes, in  
14 accordance with the theories and techniques of a specific counseling  
15 method and established practice standards.

16        (11) "Psychotherapy" means the practice of counseling through the  
17 diagnosis of mental illness according to the diagnostic and statistical  
18 manual of mental disorders, 4th edition, text revision and  
19 international classification of diseases codes, and the development of  
20 treatment plans for counseling based on a diagnosis in accordance with  
21 established practice standards.

22        (12) "Secretary" means the secretary of the department or the  
23 secretary's designee.

24        **Sec. 2.** RCW 18.19.030 and 2001 c 251 s 19 are each amended to read  
25 as follows:

26        ~~((No))~~ A person may not, ~~((for a fee or))~~ as a part of his or her  
27 position as an employee of a state agency, practice counseling without  
28 being registered to practice as an agency affiliated counselor by the  
29 department under this chapter unless exempt under RCW 18.19.040.

30        NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 18.19 RCW  
31 to read as follows:

32        A person may not, for a fee or as a part of his or her position as  
33 an employee of a state agency, practice hypnotherapy without being  
34 registered to practice as a hypnotherapist by the department under this  
35 chapter unless exempt under RCW 18.19.040.

1       **Sec. 4.** RCW 18.19.040 and 2001 c 251 s 20 are each amended to read  
2 as follows:

3       Nothing in this chapter may be construed to prohibit or restrict:

4       (1) The practice of a profession by a person who is either  
5 registered, certified, licensed, or similarly regulated under the laws  
6 of this state and who is performing services within the person's  
7 authorized scope of practice, including any attorney admitted to  
8 practice law in this state when providing counseling incidental to and  
9 in the course of providing legal counsel;

10       (2) The practice of counseling by an employee or trainee of any  
11 federal agency, or the practice of counseling by a student of a college  
12 or university, if the employee, trainee, or student is practicing  
13 solely under the supervision of and accountable to the agency, college,  
14 or university, through which he or she performs such functions as part  
15 of his or her position for no additional fee other than ordinary  
16 compensation;

17       (3) The practice of counseling by a person (~~((without a mandatory~~  
18 ~~charge))~~) for no compensation;

19       (4) The practice of counseling by persons offering services for  
20 public and private nonprofit organizations or charities not primarily  
21 engaged in counseling for a fee when approved by the organizations or  
22 agencies for whom they render their services;

23       (5) Evaluation, consultation, planning, policy-making, research, or  
24 related services conducted by social scientists for private  
25 corporations or public agencies;

26       (6) The practice of counseling by a person under the auspices of a  
27 religious denomination, church, or organization, or the practice of  
28 religion itself;

29       (7) The practice of counseling by peer counselors who use their own  
30 experience to encourage and support people with similar conditions;

31       (8) Counselors (~~((whose residency is not))~~) who reside outside  
32 Washington state from providing up to ten days per quarter of training  
33 or workshops in the state, as long as they (~~((don't))~~) do not hold  
34 themselves out to be registered or certified in Washington state.

35       **Sec. 5.** RCW 18.19.050 and 2001 c 251 s 21 are each amended to read  
36 as follows:

1 (1) In addition to any other authority provided by law, the  
2 secretary has the following authority:

3 (a) To adopt rules, in accordance with chapter 34.05 RCW, necessary  
4 to implement this chapter;

5 (b) To set all registration, certification, and renewal fees in  
6 accordance with RCW 43.70.250 and to collect and deposit all such fees  
7 in the health professions account established under RCW 43.70.320;

8 (c) To establish forms and procedures necessary to administer this  
9 chapter;

10 (d) To hire clerical, administrative, and investigative staff as  
11 needed to implement this chapter;

12 (e) To issue a registration or certification to any applicant who  
13 has met the requirements for registration or certification; and

14 (f) To ~~((develop a dictionary of recognized professions and  
15 occupations providing counseling services to the public included under  
16 this chapter))~~ establish education equivalency, examination,  
17 supervisory, consultation, and continuing education requirements for  
18 certified counselors.

19 (2) The uniform disciplinary act, chapter 18.130 RCW, governs the  
20 issuance and denial of registrations and certifications and the  
21 discipline of registrants under this chapter. The secretary shall be  
22 the disciplining authority under this chapter. ~~((The absence of  
23 educational or training requirements for counselors registered under  
24 this chapter or the counselor's use of nontraditional nonabusive  
25 therapeutic techniques shall not, in and of itself, give the secretary  
26 authority to unilaterally determine the training and competence or to  
27 define or restrict the scope of practice of such individuals.))~~

28 (3) The department shall publish and disseminate information ~~((in  
29 order))~~ to educate the public about the responsibilities of counselors,  
30 the types of counselors, and the rights and responsibilities of clients  
31 established under this chapter. ~~((Solely for the purposes of  
32 administering this education requirement,))~~ The secretary ~~((shall))~~ may  
33 assess an additional fee for each application and renewal ~~((, equal to  
34 five percent of the fee. The revenue collected from the assessment fee  
35 may be appropriated by the legislature for the department's use in  
36 educating consumers pursuant to this section. The authority to charge  
37 the assessment fee shall terminate on June 30, 1994))~~ to fund public  
38 education efforts under this section.

1       **Sec. 6.** RCW 18.19.060 and 2001 c 251 s 22 are each amended to read  
2 as follows:

3       (~~Persons registered under this chapter~~) Certified counselors  
4 shall provide clients at the commencement of any program of treatment  
5 with accurate disclosure information concerning their practice, in  
6 accordance with guidelines developed by the department, that will  
7 inform clients of the purposes of and resources available under this  
8 chapter, including the right of clients to refuse treatment, the  
9 responsibility of clients for choosing the provider and treatment  
10 modality which best suits their needs, and the extent of  
11 confidentiality provided by this chapter, the department, another  
12 agency, or other jurisdiction. The disclosure statement must inform  
13 the client of the certified counselor's supervisory or consultation  
14 arrangement as defined in rules adopted by the secretary. The  
15 disclosure information provided by the certified counselor, the receipt  
16 of which shall be acknowledged in writing by the certified counselor  
17 and client, shall include any relevant education and training, the  
18 therapeutic orientation of the practice, the proposed course of  
19 treatment where known, any financial requirements, referral resources,  
20 and such other information as the department may require by rule. The  
21 disclosure information shall also include a statement that  
22 (~~registration~~) the certification of an individual under this chapter  
23 does not include a recognition of any practice standards, nor  
24 necessarily imply the effectiveness of any treatment. Certified  
25 counselors must also disclose that they are not credentialed to  
26 diagnose or treat mental disorders or to conduct psychotherapy. The  
27 client is not liable for any fees or charges for services rendered  
28 prior to receipt of the disclosure statement.

29       **Sec. 7.** RCW 18.19.090 and 1991 c 3 s 24 are each amended to read  
30 as follows:

31       (~~The secretary shall issue a registration to any applicant who~~  
32 ~~submits, on forms provided by the secretary, the applicant's name,~~  
33 ~~address, occupational title, name and location of business, and other~~  
34 ~~information as determined by the secretary, including information~~  
35 ~~necessary to determine whether there are grounds for denial of~~  
36 ~~registration or issuance of a conditional registration under this~~  
37 ~~chapter or chapter 18.130 RCW. Applicants for registration shall~~

1 ~~register as counselors or may register as hypnotherapists if employing~~  
2 ~~hypnosis as a modality. Applicants shall, in addition, provide in~~  
3 ~~their titles a description of their therapeutic orientation,~~  
4 ~~discipline, theory, or technique.))~~ (1) Application for agency  
5 affiliated counselor, certified counselor, or hypnotherapist must be  
6 made on forms approved by the secretary. The secretary may require  
7 information necessary to determine whether applicants meet the  
8 qualifications for the credential and whether there are any grounds for  
9 denial of the credential, or for issuance of a conditional credential,  
10 under this chapter or chapter 18.130 RCW. The application for agency  
11 affiliated counselor or certified counselor must include a description  
12 of the applicant's orientation, discipline, theory, or technique. Each  
13 applicant shall pay a fee determined by the secretary as provided in  
14 RCW 43.70.250, which shall accompany the application.

15 (2) Applicants for agency affiliated counselor must provide  
16 satisfactory documentation that they are employed by an agency or have  
17 an offer of employment from an agency.

18 (3) Applicants for certified counselor prior to July 1, 2009, who  
19 are currently registered counselors are required to:

20 (a) Have been registered for no less than five years;

21 (b) Have a registration that is in good standing and be in  
22 compliance with any disciplinary process and orders;

23 (c) Show evidence of having completed course work in risk  
24 assessment, ethics, appropriate screening and referral, and Washington  
25 state law and other subjects identified by the secretary;

26 (d) Pass an examination in risk assessment, ethics, appropriate  
27 screening and referral, and Washington state law, and other subjects as  
28 determined by the secretary; and

29 (e) Have a written consultation agreement with a credential holder  
30 who meets the qualifications established by the secretary.

31 (4) Unless eligible for certification under subsection (3) of this  
32 section, applicants for certified counselor are required to:

33 (a) Have a bachelors degree in a counseling related field, or the  
34 equivalent in education and supervised experience, that may, among  
35 other things, include an associate degree in a counseling-related field  
36 plus a supervised internship, to be determined by the secretary;

37 (b) Pass an examination in risk assessment, ethics, appropriate

1 screening and referral, and Washington state law, and other subjects as  
2 determined by the secretary; and

3 (c) Have a written supervisory agreement with a supervisor who  
4 meets the qualifications established by the secretary.

5 (5) Each applicant shall include payment of the fee determined by  
6 the secretary as provided in RCW 43.70.250.

7 **NEW SECTION. Sec. 8.** A new section is added to chapter 18.19 RCW  
8 to read as follows:

9 Agency affiliated counselors shall notify the department if they  
10 are either no longer employed by the agency identified on their  
11 application or are now employed with another agency, or both. Agency  
12 affiliated counselors may not engage in the practice of counseling  
13 unless they are currently affiliated with an agency.

14 **Sec. 9.** RCW 18.19.100 and 1996 c 191 s 5 are each amended to read  
15 as follows:

16 The secretary shall establish administrative procedures,  
17 administrative requirements, continuing education, and fees for renewal  
18 of (~~registrations~~) credentials as provided in RCW 43.70.250 and  
19 43.70.280. When establishing continuing education requirements for  
20 agency affiliated counselors, the secretary shall consult with the  
21 appropriate state agency director responsible for licensing,  
22 certifying, or operating the relevant agency practice setting.

23 **Sec. 10.** RCW 18.225.010 and 2001 c 251 s 1 are each amended to  
24 read as follows:

25 (~~Unless the context clearly requires otherwise,~~) The definitions  
26 in this section apply throughout this chapter unless the context  
27 clearly requires otherwise.

28 (1) "Advanced social work" means the application of social work  
29 theory and methods including emotional and biopsychosocial assessment,  
30 psychotherapy under the supervision of a licensed independent clinical  
31 social worker, case management, consultation, advocacy, counseling, and  
32 community organization.

33 (2) "Applicant" means a person who completes the required  
34 application, pays the required fee, is at least eighteen years of age,

1 and meets any background check requirements and uniform disciplinary  
2 act requirements.

3 (3) "Associate" means a prelicensure candidate who has a graduate  
4 degree in a mental health field under RCW 18.225.090 and is gaining the  
5 supervision and supervised experience necessary to become a licensed  
6 independent clinical social worker, a licensed advanced social worker,  
7 a licensed mental health counselor, or a licensed marriage and family  
8 therapist.

9 (4) "Committee" means the Washington state mental health  
10 counselors, marriage and family therapists, and social workers advisory  
11 committee.

12 ((+4)) (5) "Department" means the department of health.

13 ((+5)) (6) "Disciplining authority" means the department.

14 ((+6)) (7) "Independent clinical social work" means the diagnosis  
15 and treatment of emotional and mental disorders based on knowledge of  
16 human development, the causation and treatment of psychopathology,  
17 psychotherapeutic treatment practices, and social work practice as  
18 defined in advanced social work. Treatment modalities include but are  
19 not limited to diagnosis and treatment of individuals, couples,  
20 families, groups, or organizations.

21 ((+7)) (8) "Marriage and family therapy" means the diagnosis and  
22 treatment of mental and emotional disorders, whether cognitive,  
23 affective, or behavioral, within the context of relationships,  
24 including marriage and family systems. Marriage and family therapy  
25 involves the professional application of psychotherapeutic and family  
26 systems theories and techniques in the delivery of services to  
27 individuals, couples, and families for the purpose of treating such  
28 diagnosed nervous and mental disorders. The practice of marriage and  
29 family therapy means the rendering of professional marriage and family  
30 therapy services to individuals, couples, and families, singly or in  
31 groups, whether such services are offered directly to the general  
32 public or through organizations, either public or private, for a fee,  
33 monetary or otherwise.

34 ((+8)) (9) "Mental health counseling" means the application of  
35 principles of human development, learning theory, psychotherapy, group  
36 dynamics, and etiology of mental illness and dysfunctional behavior to  
37 individuals, couples, families, groups, and organizations, for the  
38 purpose of treatment of mental disorders and promoting optimal mental



1 health and functionality. Mental health counseling also includes, but  
2 is not limited to, the assessment, diagnosis, and treatment of mental  
3 and emotional disorders, as well as the application of a wellness model  
4 of mental health.

5 ~~((9))~~ (10) "Secretary" means the secretary of health or the  
6 secretary's designee.

7 **Sec. 11.** RCW 18.225.020 and 2001 c 251 s 2 are each amended to  
8 read as follows:

9 A person must not represent himself or herself as a licensed  
10 advanced social worker, a licensed independent clinical social worker,  
11 a licensed mental health counselor, ~~((10))~~ a licensed marriage and  
12 family therapist, a licensed social work associate--advanced, a  
13 licensed social work associate--independent clinical, a licensed mental  
14 health counselor associate, or a licensed marriage and family therapist  
15 associate, without being licensed by the department.

16 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 12.** A new section is added to chapter 18.225  
17 RCW to read as follows:

18 (1) The secretary shall issue an associate license to any applicant  
19 who demonstrates to the satisfaction of the secretary that the  
20 applicant meets the following requirements for the applicant's practice  
21 area and submits a declaration that the applicant is working toward  
22 full licensure in that category:

23 (a) Licensed social worker associate--advanced or licensed social  
24 worker associate--independent clinical: Graduation from a master's  
25 degree or doctoral degree educational program in social work accredited  
26 by the council on social work education and approved by the secretary  
27 based upon nationally recognized standards.

28 (b) Licensed mental health counselor associate: Graduation from a  
29 master's degree or doctoral degree educational program in mental health  
30 counseling or a related discipline from a college or university  
31 approved by the secretary based upon nationally recognized standards.

32 (c) Licensed marriage and family therapist associate: Graduation  
33 from a master's degree or doctoral degree educational program in  
34 marriage and family therapy or graduation from an educational program  
35 in an allied field equivalent to a master's degree or doctoral degree

1 in marriage and family therapy approved by the secretary based upon  
2 nationally recognized standards.

3 (2) Associates may not provide independent social work, mental  
4 health counseling, or marriage and family therapy for a fee, monetary  
5 or otherwise. Associates must work under the supervision of an  
6 approved supervisor.

7 (3) Associates shall provide each client or patient, during the  
8 first professional contact, with a disclosure form according to RCW  
9 18.225.100, disclosing that he or she is an associate under the  
10 supervision of an approved supervisor.

11 (4) The department shall adopt by rule what constitutes adequate  
12 proof of compliance with the requirements of this section.

13 (5) Applicants are subject to the denial of a license or issuance  
14 of a conditional license for the reasons set forth in chapter 18.130  
15 RCW.

16 (6) An associate license may be renewed no more than four times.

17 **Sec. 13.** RCW 18.225.150 and 2001 c 251 s 15 are each amended to  
18 read as follows:

19 The secretary shall establish by rule the procedural requirements  
20 and fees for renewal of a license or associate license. Failure to  
21 renew shall invalidate the license or associate license and all  
22 privileges granted by the license. If an associate license has lapsed,  
23 the person shall submit an updated declaration, in accordance with  
24 rules adopted by the department, that the person is working toward full  
25 licensure. If a license has lapsed for a period longer than three  
26 years, the person shall demonstrate competence to the satisfaction of  
27 the secretary by taking continuing education courses, or meeting other  
28 standards determined by the secretary. If an associate license has  
29 lapsed, the person shall submit an updated declaration, in accordance  
30 with rules adopted by the department, that the person is working toward  
31 full licensure.

32 **Sec. 14.** RCW 18.205.020 and 1998 c 243 s 2 are each amended to  
33 read as follows:

34 (~~Unless the context clearly requires otherwise,~~) The definitions  
35 in this section apply throughout this chapter unless the context  
36 clearly requires otherwise.

1 (1) "Certification" means a voluntary process recognizing an  
2 individual who qualifies by examination and meets established  
3 educational prerequisites, and which protects the title of practice.

4 (2) "Certified chemical dependency professional" means an  
5 individual certified in chemical dependency counseling, under this  
6 chapter.

7 (3) "Certified chemical dependency professional trainee" means an  
8 individual working toward the education and experience requirements for  
9 certification as a chemical dependency professional.

10 (4) "Chemical dependency counseling" means employing the core  
11 competencies of chemical dependency counseling to assist or attempt to  
12 assist an alcohol or drug addicted person to develop and maintain  
13 abstinence from alcohol and other mood-altering drugs.

14 ((+4)) (5) "Committee" means the chemical dependency certification  
15 advisory committee established under this chapter.

16 ((+5)) (6) "Core competencies of chemical dependency counseling"  
17 means competency in the nationally recognized knowledge, skills, and  
18 attitudes of professional practice, including assessment and diagnosis  
19 of chemical dependency, chemical dependency treatment planning and  
20 referral, patient and family education in the disease of chemical  
21 dependency, individual and group counseling with alcoholic and drug  
22 addicted individuals, relapse prevention counseling, and case  
23 management, all oriented to assist alcoholic and drug addicted patients  
24 to achieve and maintain abstinence from mood-altering substances and  
25 develop independent support systems.

26 ((+6)) (7) "Department" means the department of health.

27 ((+7)) (8) "Health profession" means a profession providing health  
28 services regulated under the laws of this state.

29 ((+8)) (9) "Secretary" means the secretary of health or the  
30 secretary's designee.

31 **Sec. 15.** RCW 18.205.030 and 2000 c 171 s 41 are each amended to  
32 read as follows:

33 No person may represent oneself as a certified chemical dependency  
34 professional or certified chemical dependency professional trainee or  
35 use any title or description of services of a certified chemical  
36 dependency professional or certified chemical dependency professional

1 trainee without applying for certification, meeting the required  
2 qualifications, and being certified by the department of health, unless  
3 otherwise exempted by this chapter.

4 **Sec. 16.** RCW 18.205.040 and 1998 c 243 s 4 are each amended to  
5 read as follows:

6 Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to authorize the use of  
7 the title "certified chemical dependency professional" or "certified  
8 chemical dependency professional trainee" when treating patients in  
9 settings other than programs approved under chapter 70.96A RCW.

10 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 17.** A new section is added to chapter 18.205  
11 RCW to read as follows:

12 (1) The secretary shall issue a trainee certificate to any  
13 applicant who demonstrates to the satisfaction of the secretary that he  
14 or she is working toward the education and experience requirements in  
15 RCW 18.205.090.

16 (2) A trainee certified under this section shall submit to the  
17 secretary for approval a declaration, in accordance with rules adopted  
18 by the department, that he or she is enrolled in an approved education  
19 program and actively pursuing the experience requirements in RCW  
20 18.205.090. This declaration must be updated with the trainee's annual  
21 renewal.

22 (3) A trainee certified under this section may practice only under  
23 the supervision of a certified chemical dependency professional. The  
24 first fifty hours of any face-to-face client contact must be under  
25 direct observation. All remaining experience must be under supervision  
26 in accordance with rules adopted by the department.

27 (4) A certified chemical dependency professional trainee provides  
28 chemical dependency assessments, counseling, and case management with  
29 a state regulated agency and can provide clinical services to patients  
30 consistent with his or her education, training, and experience as  
31 approved by his or her supervisor.

32 (5) A trainee certification may only be renewed four times.

33 (6) Applicants are subject to denial of a certificate or issuance  
34 of a conditional certificate for the reasons set forth in chapter  
35 18.130 RCW.

1        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 18.**    A new section is added to chapter 18.19 RCW  
2 to read as follows:

3        The Washington state certified counselors and hypnotherapist  
4 advisory committee is established.

5        (1) The committee is comprised of seven members.    Two committee  
6 members must be certified counselors.    Two committee members must be  
7 hypnotherapists.    Three committee members must be consumers and  
8 represent the public at large and may not hold any mental health care  
9 provider license, certification, or registration.

10       (2) Two committee members must be appointed for a term of one year,  
11 two committee members must be appointed for a term of two years, and  
12 three committee members must be appointed for a term of three years.  
13 Subsequent committee members must be appointed for terms of three  
14 years.    A person may not serve as a committee member for more than two  
15 consecutive terms.

16       (3)(a) Each committee member must be a resident of the state of  
17 Washington.

18       (b) A committee member may not hold an office in a professional  
19 association for their profession.

20       (c) Advisory committee members may not be employed by the state of  
21 Washington.

22       (d) Each professional committee member must have been actively  
23 engaged in their profession for five years immediately preceding  
24 appointment.

25       (e) The consumer committee members must represent the general  
26 public and be unaffiliated directly or indirectly with the professions  
27 credentialed under this chapter.

28       (4) The secretary shall appoint the committee members.

29       (5) Committee members are immune from suit in an action, civil or  
30 criminal, based on the department's disciplinary proceedings or other  
31 official acts performed in good faith.

32       (6) Committee members must be compensated in accordance with RCW  
33 43.03.240, including travel expenses in carrying out his or her  
34 authorized duties in accordance with RCW 43.03.050 and 43.03.060.

35       (7) The committee shall elect a chair and vice-chair.

36       NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 19.**    To practice counseling, all registered

1 counselors must obtain another health profession credential by July 1,  
2 2010. The registered counselor credential is abolished July 1, 2010.

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 20.** Sections 1, 2, 6 through 8, and 10 through  
4 18 of this act take effect July 1, 2009.

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 21.** The department of health may not issue any  
6 new registered counselor credentials after July 1, 2009.

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 22.** (1) The department of health shall report  
8 to the legislature and the governor by December 15, 2011, on:

9 (a) The number of registered counselors who become certified  
10 counselors;

11 (b) The number, status, type, and outcome of disciplinary actions  
12 involving certified counselors beginning on the effective date of this  
13 act; and

14 (c) The state of education equivalency, examination, supervisory,  
15 consultation, and continuing education requirements established under  
16 this act.

17 (2) The department shall also report on cost savings or  
18 expenditures to administer the provisions of this act and make  
19 recommendations regarding future reports or evaluations."

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20 On page 1, line 2 of the title, after "counselors;" strike the  
21 remainder of the title and insert "amending RCW 18.19.020, 18.19.030,  
22 18.19.040, 18.19.050, 18.19.060, 18.19.090, 18.19.100, 18.225.010,  
23 18.225.020, 18.225.150, 18.205.020, 18.205.030, and 18.205.040; adding  
24 new sections to chapter 18.19 RCW; adding a new section to chapter  
25 18.225 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 18.205 RCW; creating new  
26 sections; and providing an effective date."

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