
HOUSE BILL 1759

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By Representative Green

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1 AN ACT Relating to definitions concerning counseling; and amending
2 RCW 18.19.020.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 18.19.020 and 2010 1st sp.s. c 20 s 1 are each amended
5 to read as follows:

6 The definitions in this section apply throughout this chapter
7 unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

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

10 (2) "Agency affiliated counselor" means a person registered under
11 this chapter who is engaged in counseling and employed by an agency.
12 ~~("Agency affiliated counselor" includes juvenile probation counselors
13 who are employees of the juvenile court under RCW 13.04.035 and
14 13.04.040 and juvenile court employees providing functional family
15 therapy, aggression replacement training, or other evidence based
16 programs approved by the juvenile rehabilitation administration of the
17 department of social and health services.)~~)

18 (3) "Certified adviser" means a person certified under this chapter

1 who is engaged in private practice counseling to the extent authorized
2 in RCW 18.19.200.

3 (4) "Certified counselor" means a person certified under this
4 chapter who is engaged in private practice counseling to the extent
5 authorized in RCW 18.19.200.

6 (5) "Client" means an individual who receives or participates in
7 counseling or group counseling.

8 (6) "Counseling" means employing any therapeutic techniques,
9 including but not limited to social work, mental health counseling,
10 marriage and family therapy, and hypnotherapy, for a fee that offer,
11 assist or attempt to assist an individual or individuals in the
12 amelioration or adjustment of mental, emotional, or behavioral
13 problems, and includes therapeutic techniques to achieve sensitivity
14 and awareness of self and others and the development of human
15 potential. For the purposes of this chapter, nothing may be construed
16 to imply that the practice of hypnotherapy is necessarily limited to
17 counseling. "Counseling" does not include the supervision and guidance
18 typically provided by juvenile probation counselors to juveniles under
19 court jurisdiction, nor does it include the provision of aggression
20 replacement training, functional family therapy, or other evidence-
21 based or promising practice rehabilitative programs, when such programs
22 are:

23 (a) Approved for state funding by the state agency authorized to
24 make such approval; and

25 (b) Subject to a standardized quality assurance process; and

26 (c) Provided by juvenile court employees serving at the pleasure of
27 a juvenile court administrator appointed pursuant to RCW 13.04.035.

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

31 (8) "Department" means the department of health.

32 (9) "Hypnotherapist" means a person registered under this chapter
33 who is practicing hypnosis as a modality.

34 (10) "Private practice counseling" means the practice of counseling
35 by a certified counselor or certified adviser as specified in RCW
36 18.19.200.

37 (11) "Psychotherapy" means the practice of counseling using
38 diagnosis of mental disorders according to the fourth edition of the

1 diagnostic and statistical manual of mental disorders, published in
2 1994, and the development of treatment plans for counseling based on
3 diagnosis of mental disorders in accordance with established practice
4 standards.

5 (12) "Secretary" means the secretary of the department or the
6 secretary's designee.

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