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HOUSE BILL NO. 1483

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A BILL to require the Board of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services to amend regulations governing licensure of providers to include certain definitions.

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Referred to Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. § 1. *That the Board of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services shall amend regulations governing licensure of providers to include the following definitions:*

"Human services field" means counseling, occupational therapy, psychiatric rehabilitation, psychology, rehabilitation counseling, social work, sociology, special education, vocational rehabilitation, and other fields deemed equivalent by the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services.

"Qualified Intellectual Disability Professional (QIDP)" means a person who possesses at least one year of documented experience working directly with individuals who have an intellectual disability or other developmental disabilities and one of the following credentials: (i) a doctor of medicine or osteopathy licensed in Virginia, (ii) a registered nurse licensed in Virginia, or (iii) completion of at least a bachelor's degree in a human services field.

"Qualified Mental Health Professional-Adult (QMHP-A)" means a person in the human services field who is trained and experienced in providing psychiatric or mental health services to individuals who have a mental illness, including (i) a doctor of medicine or osteopathy licensed in Virginia; (ii) a doctor of medicine or osteopathy specializing in psychiatry and licensed in Virginia; (iii) an individual with a master's degree in psychology from an accredited college or university with at least one year of clinical experience; (iv) a social worker; (v) an individual with at least a bachelor's degree in a human services field from an accredited college and with at least one year of clinical experience providing direct services to individuals with a diagnosis of mental illness; (vi) an individual with at least a bachelor's degree from an accredited college in an unrelated field that includes at least 15 semester credits or the equivalent thereof in a human services field and who has at least three years of clinical experience; (vii) a Certified Psychiatric Rehabilitation Provider (CPRP) registered with the United States Psychiatric Rehabilitation Association (USPRA); (viii) a registered nurse licensed in Virginia with at least one year of clinical experience; or (ix) any other licensed mental health professional.

"Qualified Paraprofessional in Mental Health (QPPMH)" means a person who must, at a minimum, meet one of the following criteria: (i) registered with the United States Psychiatric Association (USPRA) as an Associate Psychiatric Rehabilitation Provider (APRP); (ii) has an associate's degree in a human services field and at least one year of experience providing direct services to individuals with a diagnosis of mental illness; or (iii) has a minimum of 90 hours classroom training and 12 weeks of experience under the direct personal supervision of a QMHP-Adult providing services to individuals with mental illness and at least one year of experience (including the 12 weeks of supervised experience).

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