

## 1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to require the State Board of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services to amend*  
3 *regulations governing licensure of providers to include certain definitions.*

4 [H 1483]

5 Approved

6 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**

7 **1. § 1.** *That the State Board of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services (the Board) shall amend*  
8 *12VAC35-105-20 of the Virginia Administrative Code to include (i) occupational therapists in the*  
9 *definitions of Qualified Mental Health Professional-Adult, Qualified Mental Health Professional-Child,*  
10 *and Qualified Mental Retardation Professional and (ii) occupational therapy assistants in the definition*  
11 *of Qualified Paraprofessional in Mental Health. In amending these definitions, the Board shall require*  
12 *educational and clinical experience for occupational therapists and occupational therapy assistants that*  
13 *is substantially equivalent to comparable professionals listed in current regulations.*

14 **2. That the State Board of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services shall promulgate**  
15 **regulations to implement the provisions of this act to be effective within 280 days of its enactment.**

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