

## MEMORANDUM

<b>DATE</b>	April 25, 2018
<b>TO</b>	Board of Psychology
<b>FROM</b>	 Cherise Burns Central Services Manager
<b>SUBJECT</b>	Agenda Item #21 (b)(2)(A) – AB 1436 (Levine) Board of Behavioral Sciences: Licensees: Suicide Prevention Training

### **Background:**

AB 1436 (Levine) would require, on or after January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021, applicants for licensure as a licensed marriage and family therapist (LMFT), a licensed educational psychologist (LEP), a licensed clinical social worker (LCSW), or licensed professional clinical counselor (LPCC) to complete a minimum of six (6) hours of coursework or applied experience under supervision in suicide risk assessment and intervention. This bill would state that as a one-time requirement, a LMFT, LEP, LCSW, or LPCC must complete this assessment and training requirement prior to the time of his or her first renewal. For those who are applying for reactivation or reinstatement, this bill would also require these individuals to fulfill this requirement.

AB 1436 (Levine) would require that proof of compliance be certified under penalty of perjury and be retained for submission to the Board upon request.

### **Action Requested:**

The Policy and Advocacy Committee recommend the Board watch AB 1436 (Levine) to stay apprised of other Boards' inclusion of suicide assessment and intervention training/coursework requirements.

Attachment A: AB 1436 (Levine) Bill Text

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AB-1436 Board of Behavioral Sciences: licensees: suicide prevention training. (2017-2018)

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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE— 2017–2018 REGULAR SESSION

**ASSEMBLY BILL****No. 1436**

Introduced by Assembly Member Levine

February 17, 2017

~~An act to amend Section 1680 of the Streets and Highways Code, relating to county highways.~~ *An act to add Sections 4980.396, 4989.23, 4996.27, and 4999.66 to the Business and Professions Code, relating to healing arts.*

**LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST**

AB 1436, as amended, Levine. ~~County highways.~~ *Board of Behavioral Sciences: licensees: suicide prevention training.*

*Existing law, the Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist Act, the Educational Psychologist Practice Act, the Clinical Social Worker Practice Act, and the Licensed Professional Clinical Counselor Act, provides for the licensure and regulation of marriage and family therapists, educational psychologists, clinical social workers, and professional clinical counselors, respectively, by the Board of Behavioral Sciences. Existing law requires a person applying for licensure as a marriage and family therapist, educational psychologist, clinical social worker, or professional clinical counselor to complete specified coursework and training, requires licensees to complete specified continuing education requirements, and requires a licensee on inactive status to complete certain continuing education requirements as a condition of having his or her license reactivated.*

*This bill, on or after January 1, 2021, would require an applicant for licensure as a marriage and family therapist, an educational psychologist, a clinical social worker, or a professional clinical counselor to complete a minimum of 6 hours of coursework or applied experience under supervision in suicide risk assessment and intervention. The bill would require, on or after January 1, 2021, as a one-time requirement, a licensed marriage and family therapist, educational psychologist, clinical social worker, or professional clinical counselor to have completed this suicide risk assessment and intervention training requirement prior to the time of his or her first renewal. The bill would also require, on or after January 1, 2021, a person applying for reactivation or for reinstatement to have completed this suicide risk assessment and intervention training requirement. The bill would require that proof of compliance with requirements be certified under penalty of perjury and be retained for submission to the board upon request. By expanding the crime of perjury, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program.*

*The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.*

*This bill would provide that no reimbursement is required by this act for a specified reason.*

~~Existing law authorizes the board of supervisors of a county, by resolution adopted by a 45 vote of its members, to determine that specified activities relating to streets are of general county interest and that county aid shall be extended therefore.~~

~~This bill would instead authorize the board of supervisors of a county to adopt this resolution by a 35 vote of its members and would make nonsubstantive changes to this law.~~

Vote: majority Appropriation: no Fiscal Committee: ~~no~~yes Local Program: ~~no~~yes

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

**SECTION 1.** *Section 4980.396 is added to the Business and Professions Code, immediately following Section 4980.395, to read:*

**4980.396.** *(a) On or after January 1, 2021, an applicant for licensure as a marriage and family therapist shall show, as part of the application, that he or she has completed a minimum of six hours of coursework or applied experience under supervision in suicide risk assessment and intervention. This requirement shall be met in one of the following ways:*

*(1) Obtained as part of his or her qualifying graduate degree program. To satisfy this requirement, the applicant shall submit to the board a written certification from the registrar or training director of the educational institution or program from which the applicant graduated stating that the coursework required by this section is included within the institution's curriculum required for graduation at the time the applicant graduated, or within the coursework that was completed by the applicant.*

*(2) Obtained as part of his or her applied experience. Applied experience can be met in any of the following settings: practicum, internship, or formal postdoctoral placement that meets the requirement of this chapter, or other qualifying supervised professional experience. To satisfy this requirement, the applicant shall submit to the board a written certification from the director of training for the program or primary supervisor where the qualifying experience has occurred stating that the training required by this section is included within the applied experience.*

*(3) By taking a continuing education course that meets the requirements of Section 4980.54. To satisfy this requirement, the applicant shall submit to the board a certification of completion.*

*(b) On or after January 1, 2021, as a one-time requirement, a licensee prior to the time of his or her first renewal after the operative date of this section, or an applicant for reactivation or reinstatement to an active license status, shall have completed a minimum of six hours of coursework or applied experience under supervision in suicide risk assessment and intervention, as specified in subdivision (a).*

*(c) Proof of compliance with this section shall be certified under penalty of perjury that he or she is in compliance with this section and shall be retained for submission to the board upon request.*

**SEC. 2.** *Section 4989.23 is added to the Business and Professions Code, to read:*

**4989.23.** *(a) On or after January 1, 2021, an applicant for licensure as an educational psychologist shall show, as part of the application, that he or she has completed a minimum of six hours of coursework or applied experience under supervision in suicide risk assessment and intervention. This requirement shall be met in one of the following ways:*

*(1) Obtained as part of his or her qualifying graduate degree program. To satisfy this requirement, the applicant shall submit to the board a written certification from the registrar or training director of the educational institution or program from which the applicant graduated stating that the coursework required by this section is included within the institution's curriculum required for graduation at the time the applicant graduated, or within the coursework that was completed by the applicant.*

*(2) Obtained as part of his or her applied experience. Applied experience can be met in any of the following settings: practicum, internship, or formal postdoctoral placement that meets the requirement of this chapter, or other qualifying supervised professional experience. To satisfy this requirement, the applicant shall submit to the board a written certification from the director of training for the program or primary supervisor where the*

*qualifying experience has occurred stating that the training required by this section is included within the applied experience.*

*(3) By taking a continuing education course that meets the requirements of Section 4989.34. To satisfy this requirement, the applicant shall submit to the board a certification of completion.*

*(b) On or after January 1, 2021, as a one-time requirement, a licensee prior to the time of his or her first renewal after the operative date of this section, or an applicant for reactivation or reinstatement to an active license status, shall have completed a minimum of six hours of coursework or applied experience under supervision in suicide risk assessment and intervention, as specified in subdivision (a).*

*(c) Proof of compliance with this section shall be certified under penalty of perjury that he or she is in compliance with this section and shall be retained for submission to the board upon request.*

**SEC. 3.** *Section 4996.27 is added to the Business and Professions Code, to read:*

**4996.27.** *(a) On or after January 1, 2021, an applicant for licensure as a clinical social worker shall show, as part of the application, that he or she has completed a minimum of six hours of coursework or applied experience under supervision in suicide risk assessment and intervention. This requirement shall be met in one of the following ways:*

*(1) Obtained as part of his or her qualifying graduate degree program. To satisfy this requirement, the applicant shall submit to the board a written certification from the registrar or training director of the educational institution or program from which the applicant graduated stating that the coursework required by this section is included within the institution's curriculum required for graduation at the time the applicant graduated, or within the coursework that was completed by the applicant.*

*(2) Obtained as part of his or her applied experience. Applied experience can be met in any of the following settings: practicum, internship, or formal postdoctoral placement that meets the requirement of this chapter, or other qualifying supervised professional experience. To satisfy this requirement, the applicant shall submit to the board a written certification from the director of training for the program or primary supervisor where the qualifying experience has occurred stating that the training required by this section is included within the applied experience.*

*(3) By taking a continuing education course that meets the requirements of Section 4996.22. To satisfy this requirement, the applicant shall submit to the board a certification of completion.*

*(b) On or after January 1, 2021, as a one-time requirement, a licensee prior to the time of his or her first renewal after the operative date of this section, or an applicant for reactivation or reinstatement to an active license status, shall have completed a minimum of six hours of coursework or applied experience under supervision in suicide risk assessment and intervention, as specified in subdivision (a).*

*(c) Proof of compliance with this section shall be certified under penalty of perjury that he or she is in compliance with this section and shall be retained for submission to the board upon request.*

**SEC. 4.** *Section 4999.66 is added to the Business and Professions Code, to read:*

**4999.66.** *(a) On or after January 1, 2021, an applicant for licensure as a professional clinical counselor shall show, as part of the application, that he or she has completed a minimum of six hours of coursework or applied experience under supervision in suicide risk assessment and intervention. This requirement shall be met in one of the following ways:*

*(1) Obtained as part of his or her qualifying graduate degree program. To satisfy this requirement, the applicant shall submit to the board a written certification from the registrar or training director of the educational institution or program from which the applicant graduated stating that the coursework required by this section is included within the institution's curriculum required for graduation at the time the applicant graduated, or within the coursework that was completed by the applicant.*

*(2) Obtained as part of his or her applied experience. Applied experience can be met in any of the following settings: practicum, internship, or formal postdoctoral placement that meets the requirement of this chapter, or other qualifying supervised professional experience. To satisfy this requirement, the applicant shall submit to the board a written certification from the director of training for the program or primary supervisor where the qualifying experience has occurred stating that the training required by this section is included within the applied experience.*

(3) *By taking a continuing education course that meets the requirements of Section 4999.76. To satisfy this requirement, the applicant shall submit to the board a certification of completion.*

(b) *On or after January 1, 2021, as a one-time requirement, a licensee prior to the time of his or her first renewal after the operative date of this section, or an applicant for reactivation or reinstatement to an active license status, shall have completed a minimum of six hours of coursework or applied experience under supervision in suicide risk assessment and intervention, as specified in subdivision (a).*

(c) *Proof of compliance with this section shall be certified under penalty of perjury that he or she is in compliance with this section and shall be retained for submission to the board upon request.*

**SEC. 5.** *No reimbursement is required by this act pursuant to Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California Constitution because the only costs that may be incurred by a local agency or school district will be incurred because this act creates a new crime or infraction, eliminates a crime or infraction, or changes the penalty for a crime or infraction, within the meaning of Section 17556 of the Government Code, or changes the definition of a crime within the meaning of Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California Constitution.*

~~SECTION 1. Section 1680 of the Streets and Highways Code is amended to read:~~

~~1680. The board of supervisors of a county may, by a resolution adopted by a three-fifths vote of its members, determine that any of the following activities are of general county interest and that county aid shall be extended therefor:~~

~~(a) The laying out, opening, construction, improvement, maintenance, repair, or altering of all or any part of a street within a city or extending along or across the boundary of a city.~~

~~(b) The establishing, modifying, or changing the grade of a street.~~

~~(c) The separation of the grades of two or more streets that intersect.~~

~~(d) The separation of the grade of a street from the grade of a steam, electric, or street railroad crossing the street.~~

~~(e) The construction of the necessary pavements, curbs, culverts, bridges, tunnels, subways, viaducts, drainage facilities, or structures incident to or a part of the street.~~

~~(f) The acquisition of real property or interest in real property, rights of way, or other property necessary for the purposes mentioned in this section.~~