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AN ACT to amend the education law and the social services law, in relation to the practice of school psychology

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEM-BLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The education law is amended by adding a new article 167 to read as follows:

ARTICLE 167

SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGY

SECTION 8720. INTRODUCTION. б

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8721. PRACTICE OF SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGY AND USE OF THE TITLE "SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST".

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14 S 8720. INTRODUCTION. THIS ARTICLE APPLIES TO THE PROFESSION AND PRAC-TICE OF SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGY AND TO THE USE OF THE TITLE "LICENSED 15 SCHOOL THE GENERAL PROVISIONS FOR ALL PROFESSIONS CONTAINED IN 16 PSYCHOLOGIST". 17 ARTICLE ONE HUNDRED THIRTY OF THIS TITLE APPLY TO THIS ARTICLE.

S 8721. PRACTICE OF SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGY AND USE OF 18 THE TITLE "SCHOOL 19 PSYCHOLOGIST". ONLY A PERSON LICENSED OR EXEMPT UNDER THIS ARTICLE 20 SHALL PRACTICE SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGY OR USE THE TITLE "LICENSED SCHOOL 21 PSYCHOLOGIST".

8722. DEFINITION OF THE PRACTICE OF SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGY. THE PRACTICE 22 S 23 OF SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGY IS:

24 1. THE ASSESSMENT, INCLUDING PSYCHO-EDUCATIONAL, DEVELOPMENTAL AND 25 ASSESSMENT, EVALUATION AND INTERPRETATION OF INTELLIGENCE, VOCATIONAL

EXPLANATION--Matter in ITALICS (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [] is old law to be omitted.

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COGNITIVE PROCESSES, APTITUDES, INTERESTS, ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT, ADJUSTMENT, PERSONALITY FACTORS AND MOTIVATIONS, OR ANY OTHER ATTRI-1 2 3 BUTES, IN INDIVIDUALS OR GROUPS, THAT RELATE TO LEARNING, EDUCATION OR 4 ADJUSTMENT NEEDS; DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF EDUCATIONALLY-RELATED 5 THE 2. 6 PSYCHOTHERAPEUTIC AND BEHAVIORAL APPROACHES TO INCREASE SCHOOL ADJUST-7 MENT AND ACADEMIC SUCCESS, COUNSELING AND INTERPRETIVE SERVICES TO 8 REDUCE EDUCATION-RELATED PROBLEMS INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, VERBAL INTERACTION, INTERVIEWING, BEHAVIOR TECHNIQUES, DEVELOPMENTAL AND VOCA-9 10 TIONAL INTERVENTION, ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT AND GROUP PROCESSES; 3. CONSULTATION WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF SCHOOLS, AGENCIES AND ORGAN-11 12 FAMILIES OR INDIVIDUALS, INCLUDING PSYCHO-EDUCATIONAL, DEVEL-IZATIONS, OPMENTAL AND VOCATIONAL ASSISTANCE OR DIRECT EDUCATIONAL SERVICES, 13 14 RELATED TO LEARNING PROBLEMS AND ADJUSTMENTS TO THOSE PROBLEMS; AND 15 4. THE DEVELOPMENT OF PROGRAMMING, INCLUDING DESIGNING, IMPLEMENTING OR EVALUATING EDUCATIONALLY AND PSYCHOLOGICALLY SOUND LEARNING ENVIRON-16 17 MENTS AND THE FACILITATION OF PSYCHO-EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT OF INDIVID-UALS, FAMILIES OR GROUPS. 18 19 S 8723. REQUIREMENTS FOR A PROFESSIONAL LICENSE. TO QUALIFY FOR A LICENSE AS A LICENSED SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST, AN APPLICANT SHALL FULFILL 20 21 THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS: 22 1. APPLICATION: FILE AN APPLICATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT; 23 2. EDUCATION: COMPLETE A MINIMUM OF SIXTY GRADUATE CREDITS AND FULFILL 24 THE REQUIREMENTS OF A MASTER'S OR DOCTORAL DEGREE IN SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGY 25 FROM A PROGRAM REGISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT, OR DETERMINED BY THE TO BE THE SUBSTANTIAL EQUIVALENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE 26 DEPARTMENT 27 COMMISSIONER'S REGULATIONS. THE GRADUATE COURSEWORK SHALL INCLUDE, BUT NOT BE LIMITED TO, THE FOLLOWING AREAS: 28 29 (I) BIOLOGICAL, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL BASES OF DEVELOPMENT; (II) PSYCHOPATHOLOGY AND EXCEPTIONALITY IN LEARNING AND BEHAVIOR; 30 (III) ASSESSMENT AND APPRAISAL OF LEARNERS IN HOME AND SCHOOL 31 32 CONTEXTS; 33 (IV) CONSULTATION AND COLLABORATION IN FAMILY, SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY 34 SYSTEMS; 35 (V) EFFECTIVE INSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT OF COGNITIVE AND ACADEMIC 36 SKILLS; 37 (VI) PREVENTION AND TREATMENT OF BEHAVIORAL AND EMOTIONAL DISORDERS 38 AND DEFICITS; 39 (VII) SCHOOL ORGANIZATION, CURRICULUM, POLICY AND LAW; 40 (VIII) RESEARCH AND PROGRAM EVALUATION; (IX) PROFESSION AND ETHICAL PRACTICE OF PSYCHOLOGY IN SCHOOLS; AND 41 (X) COMPLETION OF A TWELVE HUNDRED HOUR SUPERVISED INTERNSHIP IN 42 43 SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGY, WITH NO LESS THAN SIX HUNDRED HOURS COMPLETED WITHIN 44 A SCHOOL SETTING. 45 3. EXPERIENCE: COMPLETE A MINIMUM OF TWO THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED HOURS OF POST-MASTER'S SUPERVISED EXPERIENCE RELEVANT TO THE PRACTICE OF 46 SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGY SATISFACTORY TO THE BOARD AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE 47 48 COMMISSIONER'S REGULATIONS, SUCH SUPERVISED EXPERIENCE WHICH MAY INCLUDE 49 ONE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED HOURS COMPLETED AS PART OF A PROGRAM IN SCHOOL 50 PSYCHOLOGY; 51 4. EXAMINATION: PASS AN EXAMINATION SATISFACTORY TO THE BOARD AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE COMMISSIONER'S REGULATIONS; 52 5. AGE: BE AT LEAST TWENTY-ONE YEARS OF AGE; 53 54 6. CHARACTER: BE OF GOOD MORAL CHARACTER AS DETERMINED BY THE DEPART-55 MENT; AND

1 7. FEES: PAY A FEE OF TWO HUNDRED FORTY DOLLARS TO THE DEPARTMENT FOR 2 ADMISSION TO A DEPARTMENT CONDUCTED EXAMINATION AND FOR AN INITIAL 3 LICENSE; A FEE OF EIGHTY-FIVE DOLLARS FOR EACH REEXAMINATION; A FEE OF 4 ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY-FIVE DOLLARS FOR AN INITIAL LICENSE FOR PERSONS NOT 5 REQUIRING ADMISSION TO A DEPARTMENT CONDUCTED EXAMINATION AND A FEE OF 6 ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY DOLLARS FOR EACH TRIENNIAL REGISTRATION PERIOD.

7 S 8724. BOUNDARIES OF PROFESSIONAL COMPETENCY. 1. IT SHALL BE DEEMED 8 PRACTICING OUTSIDE THE BOUNDARIES OF HIS OR HER PROFESSIONAL COMPETENCE FOR A PERSON LICENSED PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE, IN THE CASE OF TREATMENT 9 10 OF ANY SERIOUS MENTAL ILLNESS, TO PROVIDE ANY MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES FOR SUCH ILLNESS ON A CONTINUOUS AND SUSTAINED BASIS WITHOUT A MEDICAL 11 12 EVALUATION OF THE ILLNESS BY, AND CONSULTATION WITH, A PHYSICIAN REGARD-ING SUCH ILLNESS. SUCH MEDICAL EVALUATION AND CONSULTATION SHALL BE TO 13 14 DETERMINE AND ADVISE WHETHER ANY MEDICAL CARE IS INDICATED FOR SUCH 15 ILLNESS. FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, "SERIOUS MENTAL ILLNESS" MEANS SCHIZOPHRENIA, SCHIZOAFFECTIVE DISORDER, BIPOLAR DISORDER, 16 MAJOR 17 DEPRESSIVE DISORDER, PANIC DISORDER AND OBSESSIVE-COMPULSIVE DISORDER. 18 NOTHING IN THIS SECTION SHALL BE CONSTRUED TO PREVENT, LIMIT OR IMPAIR 19 CONSULTATION WITH ANY OTHER HEALTH OR MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONAL. NOTH-ING HEREIN CONTAINED SHALL LIMIT, MODIFY, RESTRICT OR OTHERWISE AFFECT 20 21 THE DEFINITION OF THE PRACTICE OF SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGY AS PROVIDED IN SECTION EIGHTY-SEVEN HUNDRED TWENTY-TWO OF THIS ARTICLE. 22

23 2. ANY INDIVIDUAL WHOSE LICENSE OR AUTHORITY TO PRACTICE DERIVES FROM24 THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ARTICLE SHALL BE PROHIBITED FROM:

25 (A) PRESCRIBING OR ADMINISTERING DRUGS AS DEFINED IN THIS CHAPTER AS A 26 TREATMENT, THERAPY, OR PROFESSIONAL SERVICE IN THE PRACTICE OF HIS OR 27 HER PROFESSION; OR

(B) USING INVASIVE PROCEDURES AS A TREATMENT, THERAPY, OR PROFESSIONAL
SERVICE IN THE PRACTICE OF HIS OR HER PROFESSION. FOR PURPOSES OF THIS
SUBDIVISION, "INVASIVE PROCEDURE" MEANS ANY PROCEDURE IN WHICH HUMAN
TISSUE IS CUT, ALTERED, OR OTHERWISE INFILTRATED BY MECHANICAL OR OTHER
MEANS. INVASIVE PROCEDURE INCLUDES SURGERY, LASERS, IONIZING RADIATION,
THERAPEUTIC ULTRASOUND, OR ELECTROCONVULSIVE THERAPY.

34 3. NOTHING IN THIS ARTICLE SHALL BE DEEMED TO AUTHORIZE, GRANT OR 35 EXTEND HOSPITAL PRIVILEGES TO INDIVIDUALS LICENSED UNDER THIS ARTICLE.

36 S 8725. LIMITED PERMITS. 1. THE DEPARTMENT MAY ISSUE A LIMITED PERMIT 37 TO AN APPLICANT WHOSE QUALIFICATIONS HAVE BEEN APPROVED FOR ADMISSION TO 38 THE EXAMINATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH REGULATIONS PROMULGATED THEREFOR.

39 2. LIMITED PERMITS SHALL BE FOR ONE YEAR AND BE RENEWED, AT THE 40 DISCRETION OF THE DEPARTMENT, FOR ONE ADDITIONAL YEAR.

41 3. THE FEE FOR EACH LIMITED PERMIT AND FOR EACH RENEWAL SHALL BE 42 SEVENTY DOLLARS.

43 S 8726. EXEMPTIONS. NOTHING CONTAINED IN THIS ARTICLE SHALL BE 44 CONSTRUED TO:

45 1. APPLY TO THE PRACTICE, CONDUCT, ACTIVITIES, SERVICES OR USE OF ANY TITLE BY ANY PERSON LICENSED OR OTHERWISE AUTHORIZED TO PRACTICE MEDI-46 47 CINE WITHIN THE STATE PURSUANT TO ARTICLE ONE HUNDRED THIRTY-ONE OF THIS 48 TITLE OR BY ANY PERSON REGISTERED TO PERFORM SERVICES AS A PHYSICIAN 49 ASSISTANT WITHIN THE STATE PURSUANT TO ARTICLE ONE HUNDRED THIRTY-ONE-B 50 OF THIS TITLE OR BY ANY PERSON LICENSED OR OTHERWISE AUTHORIZED TO PRAC-51 TICE PSYCHOLOGY WITHIN THIS STATE PURSUANT TO ARTICLE ONE HUNDRED FIFTY-THREE OF THIS TITLE OR BY ANY PERSON LICENSED OR OTHERWISE AUTHOR-52 IZED TO PRACTICE AS A LICENSED CLINICAL SOCIAL WORKER WITHIN THIS STATE 53 54 PURSUANT TO ARTICLE ONE HUNDRED FIFTY-FOUR OF THIS TITLE, OR BY ANY 55 PERSON LICENSED OR OTHERWISE AUTHORIZED TO PRACTICE NURSING AS A REGIS-56 TERED PROFESSIONAL NURSE WITHIN THIS STATE PURSUANT TO ARTICLE ONE

HUNDRED THIRTY-NINE OF THIS TITLE, OR BY ANY PERSON LICENSED OR OTHER-1 2 WISE AUTHORIZED TO PRACTICE MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELING, MARRIAGE AND FAMI-3 LY THERAPY, CREATIVE ARTS THERAPY, OR PSYCHOANALYSIS WITHIN THE STATE 4 PURSUANT TO ARTICLE ONE HUNDRED SIXTY-THREE OF THIS TITLE; PROVIDED, 5 HOWEVER, THAT NO PHYSICIAN, PHYSICIAN'S ASSISTANT, REGISTERED PROFES-6 SIONAL NURSE, PSYCHOLOGIST, LICENSED CLINICAL SOCIAL WORKER, LICENSED 7 MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELOR, LICENSED MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPIST, 8 LICENSED CREATIVE ARTS THERAPIST OR LICENSED PSYCHOANALYST MAY USE THE TITLE UNLESS LICENSED UNDER THIS ARTICLE; 9 10 2. PROHIBIT OR LIMIT ANY INDIVIDUAL WHO IS CREDENTIALED UNDER ANY LAW, 11 INCLUDING ATTORNEYS, RAPE CRISIS COUNSELORS, CERTIFIED ALCOHOLISM COUN-SELORS AND CERTIFIED SUBSTANCE ABUSE COUNSELORS FROM PROVIDING MENTAL 12 HEALTH SERVICES WITHIN THEIR RESPECTIVE ESTABLISHED AUTHORITIES; 13 3. PROHIBIT OR LIMIT THE PRACTICE OF A PROFESSION LICENSED PURSUANT 14 15 TO THIS ARTICLE BY A STUDENT, INTERN OR RESIDENT IN, AND AS A PART OF, A 16 SUPERVISED EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM IN AN INSTITUTION APPROVED BY THE DEPART-17 MENT; 18 PROHIBIT OR LIMIT THE PROVISION OF PASTORAL COUNSELING SERVICES BY 4. 19 ANY MEMBER OF THE CLERGY OR CHRISTIAN SCIENCE PRACTITIONER, WITHIN THE 20 CONTEXT OF HIS OR HER MINISTERIAL CHARGE OR OBLIGATION; 21 5. PROHIBIT OR LIMIT INDIVIDUALS, CHURCHES, SCHOOLS, TEACHERS, ORGAN-IZATIONS, OR NOT-FOR-PROFIT BUSINESSES, FROM PROVIDING INSTRUCTION, 22 ADVICE, SUPPORT, ENCOURAGEMENT, OR INFORMATION TO INDIVIDUALS, FAMILIES, 23 24 AND RELATIONAL GROUPS; OR 25 PROHIBIT OR LIMIT AN OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST FROM PERFORMING WORK 6. 26 CONSISTENT WITH ARTICLE ONE HUNDRED FIFTY-SIX OF THIS TITLE. 27 S 8727. SPECIAL PROVISIONS. 1. ANY NONEXEMPT PERSON PRACTICING THE PROFESSION OF SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGY SHALL APPLY FOR A LICENSE OF SUCH 28 PROFESSION WITHIN ONE YEAR OF THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS SECTION. 29 (A) IF SUCH PERSON DOES NOT MEET THE REQUIREMENTS FOR A LICENSE ESTAB-30 LISHED WITHIN THIS ARTICLE, SUCH PERSON MAY MEET ALTERNATIVE CRITERIA 31 32 DETERMINED BY THE DEPARTMENT TO BE THE SUBSTANTIAL EQUIVALENT OF SUCH 33 CRITERIA. (B) IF SUCH PERSON MEETS THE REOUIREMENTS FOR A LICENSE ESTABLISHED 34 35 WITHIN THIS ARTICLE, EXCEPT FOR EXAMINATION, AND HAS BEEN CERTIFIED OR REGISTERED BY A NATIONAL CERTIFYING OR REGISTERING BODY HAVING CERTIF-36 37 ICATION OR REGISTRATION STANDARDS ACCEPTABLE TO THE COMMISSIONER, THE 38 DEPARTMENT SHALL LICENSE WITHOUT EXAMINATION. 39 2. NOTWITHSTANDING THE REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION EIGHTY-SEVEN HUNDRED 40 TWENTY-THREE OF THIS ARTICLE, AND FOR A PERIOD OF TIME NOT TO EXCEED TWO YEARS FROM THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ARTICLE, AN INDIVIDUAL MAY BE 41 LICENSED AS A SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST PROVIDED SUCH PERSON HAS EITHER: 42 43 (A) MET THE EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENTS AS DEFINED IN SECTION EIGHTY-SEV-EN HUNDRED TWENTY-THREE OF THIS ARTICLE AND PERFORMED THE DUTIES OF A 44 45 SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST FOR TWO OF THE PAST FIVE YEARS PRIOR TO THE EFFEC-TIVE DATE OF THIS ARTICLE; OR 46 47 (B) PERFORMED THE DUTIES OF A SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST FOR AT LEAST FIVE 48 YEARS PRIOR TO THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ARTICLE. 3. ANY PERSON LICENSED PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE MAY USE ACCEPTED CLAS-49 50 SIFICATIONS OF SIGNS, SYMPTOMS, DYSFUNCTIONS AND DISORDERS, AS APPROVED 51 IN ACCORDANCE WITH REGULATIONS PROMULGATED BY THE DEPARTMENT, IN THE PRACTICE OF SUCH LICENSED PROFESSION. 52 S 2. Paragraph a of subdivision 3 of section 6507 of the education 53 54 law, as amended by chapter 356 of the laws of 2006, is amended to read 55 as follows:

1 a. Establish standards for preprofessional and professional education, 2 experience and licensing examinations as required to implement the arti-3 cle for each profession. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the 4 commissioner shall establish standards requiring that all persons applyon or after January first, nineteen hundred ninety-one, initially, 5 inq, 6 or for the renewal of, a license, registration or limited permit to be a 7 physician, chiropractor, dentist, registered nurse, podiatrist, optome-8 trist, psychiatrist, psychologist, LICENSED SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST, licensed master social worker, licensed clinical social worker, licensed 9 10 creative arts therapist, licensed marriage and family therapist, licensed mental health counselor, 11 licensed psychoanalyst, or dental hygienist shall, in addition to all the other licensure, certification 12 or permit requirements, have completed two hours of coursework or train-13 14 regarding the identification and reporting of child abuse and inq 15 maltreatment. The coursework or training shall be obtained from an institution or provider which has been approved by the department to 16 provide such coursework or training. The coursework or training 17 shall 18 include information regarding the physical and behavioral indicators of child abuse and maltreatment and the statutory reporting requirements 19 20 set out in sections four hundred thirteen through four hundred twenty of 21 social services law, including but not limited to, when and how a the 22 report must be made, what other actions the reporter is mandated or 23 authorized to take, the legal protections afforded reporters, and the 24 consequences for failing to report. Such coursework or training may also 25 include information regarding the physical and behavioral indicators of 26 the abuse of individuals with mental retardation and other developmental disabilities and voluntary reporting of abused or neglected adults to the office of mental retardation and developmental disabilities or the 27 28 29 local adult protective services unit. Each applicant shall provide the 30 department with documentation showing that he or she has completed the required training. The department shall provide an exemption from the 31 32 child abuse and maltreatment training requirements to any applicant who 33 requests such an exemption and who shows, to the department's satisfac-34 tion, that there would be no need because of the nature of his or her 35 practice for him or her to complete such training;

36 S 3. Paragraph (a) of subdivision 1 of section 413 of the social 37 services law, as amended by section 3 of part D of chapter 501 of the 38 laws of 2012, is amended to read as follows:

The following persons and officials are required to report or 39 (a) 40 cause a report to be made in accordance with this title when they have reasonable cause to suspect that a child coming before them in their 41 42 professional or official capacity is an abused or maltreated child, or 43 when they have reasonable cause to suspect that a child is an abused or 44 maltreated child where the parent, guardian, custodian or other person 45 legally responsible for such child comes before them in their professional or official capacity and states from personal knowledge facts, 46 47 conditions or circumstances which, if correct, would render the child an 48 abused or maltreated child: any physician; registered physician assist-49 ant; surgeon; medical examiner; coroner; dentist; dental hygienist; 50 optometrist; chiropractor; podiatrist; resident; osteopath; intern; psychologist; SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST; registered nurse; 51 social worker; 52 emergency medical technician; licensed creative arts therapist; licensed and family therapist; licensed mental health counselor; 53 marriage 54 licensed psychoanalyst; hospital personnel engaged in the admission, 55 examination, care or treatment of persons; a Christian Science practi-56 tioner; school official, which includes but is not limited to school

teacher, school guidance counselor, school psychologist, school social 1 worker, school nurse, school administrator or other school personnel 2 3 required to hold a teaching or administrative license or certificate; 4 social services worker; director of a children's overnight camp, summer day camp or traveling summer day camp, as such camps are defined in 5 6 section thirteen hundred ninety-two of the public health law; day care 7 center worker; school-age child care worker; provider of family or group 8 family day care; or any other child care or foster care worker; mental health professional; substance abuse counselor; alcoholism counselor; 9 10 all persons credentialed by the office of alcoholism and substance abuse 11 services; peace officer; police officer; district attorney or assistant district attorney; investigator employed in the office of a district attorney; or other law enforcement official. 12 13

14 S 4. Section 7602 of the education law, as added by chapter 987 of the 15 laws of 1971, is amended to read as follows:

16 S 7602. State board for psychology. A state board for psychology 17 shall be appointed by the board of regents on recommendation of the commissioner for the purpose of assisting the board of regents and 18 the 19 department on matters of professional licensing and professional conduct 20 accordance with section sixty-five hundred eight of this title. in The 21 board shall be composed of not less than eleven [psychologists licensed 22 this state] MEMBERS, A NUMBER OF WHOM SHALL BE LICENSED SCHOOL in PSYCHOLOGISTS SUFFICIENT TO ASSURE MEANINGFUL PARTICIPATION IN BOARD 23 24 ACTIVITIES. An executive secretary to the board shall be appointed by 25 the board of regents upon the recommendation of the commissioner and 26 shall be a psychologist, licensed in this state.

S 5. Severability. If any clause, sentence, paragraph, section or part of this act shall be adjudged by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, the judgment shall not affect, impair, or invalidate the remainder thereof, but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, section or part thereof directly involved in the controversy in which the judgment shall have been rendered.

33 S 6. This act shall take effect January 1, 2014; provided, however, that if section 3 of part D of chapter 501 of the laws of 2012 is not in 34 35 effect on such effective date, then the amendments made to paragraph (a) subdivision 1 of section 413 of the social services law by section 36 of 37 three of this act shall take effect on the same date and same manner as section 3 of part D of chapter 501 of the laws of 2012, as amended, 38 39 takes effect; provided that the department of education is authorized to 40 promulgate any and all rules and regulations and take any other measure necessary to implement this act on or before its effective date, includ-41 ing, but not limited to, the appointment of the state board for psychol-42 43 ogy, the acceptance and processing of applications for licensure and the issuance of licenses; provided further that the provisions of article 44 45 167 of the education law, as added by section one of this act, requiring a license or limited permit to practice under such article shall not be 46 enforced until January 1, 2015. 47