



FLOOR AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_

BY: Buttton

1 Amend H.B. No. 2598 (house committee report) by adding the  
2 following appropriately numbered SECTIONS to the bill and  
3 renumbering subsequent SECTIONS of the bill accordingly:

4 SECTION \_\_\_\_\_. Section 61.601, Education Code, is amended to  
5 read as follows:

6 Sec. 61.601.. DEFINITION. In this subchapter, "mental  
7 health professional" means:

8 (1) a licensed physician who is:

9 (A) a graduate of an accredited psychiatric  
10 residency training program; or

11 (B) certified in psychiatry by:

12 (i) the American Board of Psychiatry and  
13 Neurology; or

14 (ii) the American Osteopathic Board of  
15 Neurology and Psychiatry;

16 (2) a psychologist, as defined by Section 501.002,  
17 Occupations Code;

18 (3) a licensed professional counselor, as defined by  
19 Section 503.002, Occupations Code;

20 (4) an advanced practice registered nurse, as defined  
21 by Section 301.152, Occupations Code, who holds a nationally  
22 recognized board certification in psychiatric or mental health  
23 nursing;

24 (5) a licensed clinical social worker, as defined by  
25 Section 505.002, Occupations Code;

26 (6) a [~~licensed specialist in~~] school psychologist  
27 [~~psychology~~], as defined by Section 501.002, Occupations Code;

28 (7) a chemical dependency counselor, as defined by  
29 Section 504.001, Occupations Code; and

(8) a licensed marriage and family therapist, as defined by Section 502.002, Occupations Code.

SECTION \_\_\_\_\_. Section 61.607(b), Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b) The total amount of repayment assistance received by a mental health professional under this subchapter may not exceed:

(1) \$160,000, for assistance from the state received by a licensed physician;

(2) \$80,000, for assistance from the state received by:

(A) a psychologist;

(B) a licensed clinical social worker, if the social worker has received a doctoral degree related to social work;

(C) a licensed professional counselor, if the counselor has received a doctoral degree related to counseling; or

(D) a licensed marriage and family therapist, if the marriage and family therapist has received a doctoral degree related to marriage and family therapy;

(3) \$60,000, for assistance from the state received by an advanced practice registered nurse;

(4) \$40,000, for assistance from the state received by:

(A) a licensed clinical social worker, a licensed marriage and family therapist, or a licensed professional counselor who is not described by Subdivision (2); or

(B) a ~~[licensed specialist in]~~ school psychologist ~~[psychology]~~; and

(5) \$10,000, for assistance from the state received by a licensed chemical dependency counselor, if the chemical dependency counselor has received an associate degree related to

1 chemical dependency counseling or behavioral science.

2 SECTION \_\_\_\_\_. Section 411.12502(a), Government Code, is  
3 amended to read as follows:

4 (a) The Texas Behavioral Health Executive Council is  
5 entitled to obtain criminal history record information as provided  
6 by Subsection (b) that relates to a person who is an applicant for  
7 or licensed as:

8 (1) a licensed psychologist, licensed psychological  
9 associate, or [~~licensed specialist in~~] school psychologist  
10 [~~psychology~~] under Chapter 501, Occupations Code;

11 (2) a licensed marriage and family therapist or  
12 licensed marriage and family therapist associate under Chapter 502,  
13 Occupations Code;

14 (3) a licensed professional counselor or licensed  
15 professional counselor associate under Chapter 503, Occupations  
16 Code; or

17 (4) a licensed baccalaureate social worker, licensed  
18 master social worker, or licensed clinical social worker under  
19 Chapter 505, Occupations Code.