

1 **SENATE FLOOR VERSION**

2 February 24, 2025

3 SENATE BILL NO. 1045

By: Daniels

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6 An Act relating to the practice of psychology;  
7 amending 59 O.S. 2021, Section 1354, as amended by  
8 Section 1, Chapter 66, O.S.L. 2023 (59 O.S. Supp.  
9 2024, Section 1354), which relates to the State Board  
10 of Examiners of Psychologists; removing certain  
11 limitation on appointees; permitting the Governor to  
12 consider certain recommendations; amending 59 O.S.  
13 2021, Section 1357, which relates to vacancies;  
14 conforming language; updating statutory language; and  
15 providing an effective date.

16 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

17 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2021, Section 1354, as  
18 amended by Section 1, Chapter 66, O.S.L. 2023 (59 O.S. Supp. 2024,  
19 Section 1354), is amended to read as follows:

20 Section 1354. There is hereby re-created, to continue until  
21 July 1, 2025, pursuant to the provisions of the Oklahoma Sunset Law,  
22 the State Board of Examiners of Psychologists. The Board shall  
23 administer the provisions of the Psychologists Licensing Act. The  
24 Board shall consist of seven (7) members appointed by the Governor.  
Five members shall be psychologists from various areas in psychology  
and two members shall be lay persons. At the expiration of the term  
of each Board member ~~who is a psychologist~~, the Governor shall

1 appoint a successor ~~from a list of ten licensed psychologists which~~  
2 ~~is provided by the Oklahoma State Psychological Association.~~ In  
3 selecting appointees, the Governor may consider recommendations from  
4 a statewide organization representing psychologists, a state chapter  
5 of a national organization representing psychologists, or other  
6 groups or individuals in this state. Members shall serve for a term  
7 of four (4) years and until a successor is appointed and qualified.  
8 Before entering upon the duties of office, each member of the Board  
9 shall take the constitutional oath of office and file it with the  
10 Secretary of State.

11 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2021, Section 1357, is  
12 amended to read as follows:

13 Section 1357. After giving the member a written statement of  
14 the charges and an opportunity to be heard thereon, the Governor may  
15 remove any member of the State Board of Examiners of Psychologists  
16 for misconduct, incompetency, or neglect of duty. Any vacancy in  
17 the membership of the Board shall be filled by the Governor for the  
18 unexpired term. ~~If there is a vacancy in the psychologist~~  
19 ~~membership of the Board, the Governor shall fill it from a list of~~  
20 ~~ten (10) psychologists which is provided by the Oklahoma State~~  
21 ~~Psychological Association.~~ In selecting appointees, the Governor  
22 may consider recommendations from a statewide organization  
23 representing psychologists, a state chapter of a national  
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1 organization representing psychologists, or other groups or  
2 individuals in this state.

3 SECTION 3. This act shall become effective November 1, 2025.

4 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES  
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