

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 60th Legislature (2025)

SENATE BILL 1045

By: Daniels

AS INTRODUCED

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

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

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

Section 1354. There is hereby re-created, to continue until July 1, 2025, pursuant to the provisions of the Oklahoma Sunset Law, the State Board of Examiners of Psychologists. The Board shall administer the provisions of the Psychologists Licensing Act. The 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

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

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

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

1 organization representing psychologists, or other groups or
2 individuals in this state.

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