

**TITLE 16. BOARD OF BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES
DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Behavioral Sciences (Board) is proposing to take the action described in the Informative Digest. Any person interested may present statements or arguments in writing relevant to the action.

Written comments must be received by the Board at its office by mail at 400 R Street, Suite 3150, Sacramento, CA 95814, by e-mail at BBSWebMaster@bbs.ca.gov, or by fax at 916-323-0707, not later than 5:00 p.m. on November 25, 2002.

The Board does not intend to hold a hearing on this matter. If any interested party wishes that a hearing be held, he or she must make the request in writing to the Board. The request must be received in the Board office no later than 15 days prior to the close of the written comment period.

The Board, upon its own motion or at the instance of any interested party, may thereafter adopt the proposals substantially as described below or may modify such proposals if such modifications are sufficiently related to the original text. With the exception of technical or grammatical changes, the full text of any modified proposal will be available for 15 days prior to its adoption from the person designated in this Notice as contact person and will be mailed to those persons who submit written and oral testimony related to this proposal or who have requested notification of any changes to the proposal.

Authority and Reference: Pursuant to the authority vested by Sections 28, 4980.60 and 4990.14 of the Business and Professions Code (Code), and to implement, interpret and make specific Sections 28, 4980.41, 4996.2, 4980.54, and 4996.22 of the Code, the Board is considering changes to Division 18 of Title 16 of the California Code of Regulations as follows:

INFORMATIVE DIGEST/PLAIN ENGLISH OVERVIEW

Regulation Section 1807.2 addresses the pre licensure requirement for child abuse assessment training. This section indicates the minimum hours of training needed and the various entities or educational institutions by which this training may be taken. Effective May 19, 1997, the Board began implementing the requirement of continuing education as a condition of licensure renewal. Part of the implementation also included the Board's authority to register continuing education providers. Section 1807.2 does not include licensed health facilities and continuing education providers approved by the Board as those who may offer this required training. This section also includes an incorrect reference to the Education Code.

This proposal will expand the acceptable entities who can offer child abuse assessment training. This will allow continuing education providers and licensed health facilities the opportunity to offer this necessary training and pre licensed individuals will have a wider selection of sources in order to fulfill this requirement. Additionally, this proposal will reference the correct section of the Education Code that relates to the approving authority of the Bureau for Private Postsecondary and Vocational Education.

FISCAL IMPACT ESTIMATES

Fiscal Impact on Public Agencies Including Costs/Savings to State Agencies or Costs/Savings in Federal Funding to the State: None

Nondiscretionary Costs/Savings to Local Agencies: None

Local Mandate: None

Cost to Any Local Agency or School District for Which Government Code Section 17561 Requires Reimbursement: None

Business Impact:

The Board has made an initial determination that this proposed regulatory action would have no significant statewide adverse economic impact directly affecting California businesses, including the ability of California businesses to compete with businesses in other states.

AND

The following studies/relevant data were relied upon in making the above determination:
None

Impact on Jobs/New Businesses:

The Board has determined that this regulatory proposal will not have any impact on the creation of jobs or businesses or the elimination of jobs or existing businesses or the expansion of businesses in the State of California.

Cost Impact on Private Persons or Entities:

The Board is not aware of any cost impacts that a representative private person or business would necessarily incur in reasonable compliance with the proposed regulatory action.

Effect on Housing Costs:

The Board had made an initial determination that the proposed regulatory action would have no significant effect on housing costs.

EFFECT ON SMALL BUSINESS

The Board has determined that the proposed regulatory action would affect small businesses. This proposed regulatory action will benefit small businesses by allowing them to offer the required child abuse assessment training to pre licensed individuals.

CONSIDERATION OF ALTERNATIVES

The Board must determine that no reasonable alternative which it considered or that has otherwise been identified and brought to the attention of the Board would be more effective in carrying out the purpose for which the action is proposed or would be as effective and less burdensome to affected private persons than the proposal described in this Notice.

Any interested person may present statements or arguments in writing relevant to the above determinations to the below mentioned address.

INITIAL STATEMENT OF REASONS AND INFORMATION

The Board has prepared an Initial Statement of Reasons for the proposed action and has available all the information upon which the proposal is based.

TEXT OF PROPOSAL

Copies of the exact language of the proposed regulation and of the Initial Statement of Reasons, and all of the information upon which the proposal is based, may be obtained upon request from the Board of Behavioral Sciences at 400 R Street, Suite 3150, Sacramento, California 95814-6240.

AVAILABILITY AND LOCATION OF THE FINAL STATEMENT OF REASONS AND RULEMAKING FILE

All the information upon which the proposed regulation is based is contained in the rulemaking file which is available for public inspection by contacting the person named below.

You may obtain a copy of the Final Statement of Reasons, once it has been prepared, by making a written request to the contact person named below.

CONTACT PERSON

Inquiries concerning the proposed administrative action may be addressed to Julie McAuliffe at the above address or at (916) 445-4933, extension 1142.

The backup contact person is Sherry Mehl (916) 445-4933. The person designated to respond to questions on the substance of the regulatory proposal is Julie McAuliffe (916) 445-4933, extension 1142.

Website Access: Materials regarding this proposal can be found at www.bb.ca.gov