

HOUSE BILL No. 1138

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 25-23.6-5-4.

Synopsis: Social worker license. Allows an individual to take the examination provided by the behavioral health and human services licensing board for a license as a social worker if the individual: (1) is enrolled in the last term of the last year of a program leading to a degree that meets the educational requirements; and (2) provides a letter of good standing from the director of the social work department or the director's designee. Specifies requirements for a letter of good standing.

Effective: July 1, 2024.

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PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2023 Regular Session of the General Assembly.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning professions and occupations.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 25-23.6-5-4, AS AMENDED BY P.L.11-2023,
2 SECTION 81, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3 JULY 1, 2024]: Sec. 4. **(a) As used in this section, "term" refers to**
4 **an academic semester, trimester, or quarter.**
5 **(b) An individual who satisfies the requirements of section 1 or 2 of**
6 **this chapter may take the examination provided by the board.**
7 **(c) An individual who:**
8 **(1) is enrolled in the last term of the last year of a program**
9 **leading to a degree that meets the requirements of section 1(1)**
10 **of this chapter; and**
11 **(2) provides a letter of good standing from the director of the**
12 **social work department or the director's designee;**
13 **may take the examination provided by the board for a license as a**
14 **social worker.**
15 **(d) A letter of good standing provided under subsection (c)(2) by**
16 **an individual who applies for a license as a social worker must**
17 **include the following information:**



- 1 **(1) The individual's first and last name.**
- 2 **(2) The type of degree and program in which the individual is**
- 3 **enrolled.**
- 4 **(3) A statement confirming that the individual is currently in**
- 5 **the final term of the program.**
- 6 **(4) The anticipated date of completion of the program.**
- 7 **(5) A statement confirming that the individual is in good**
- 8 **academic standing.**

