

1 **SENATE FLOOR VERSION**

2 February 16, 2023

3 SENATE BILL NO. 218

By: Daniels

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5 An Act relating to the practice of psychology;  
6 amending 59 O.S. 2021, Sections 1354 and 1357, which  
7 relate to the State Board of Examiners of  
8 Psychologists; removing certain limitation on  
9 appointees; permitting the Governor to consider  
10 certain recommendations; updating statutory language;  
11 and providing an effective date.

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

13 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2021, Section 1354, is  
14 amended to read as follows:

15 Section 1354. There is hereby re-created, to continue until  
16 July 1, 2023, pursuant to the provisions of the Oklahoma Sunset Law,  
17 the State Board of Examiners of Psychologists. The Board shall  
18 administer the provisions of the Psychologists Licensing Act. The  
19 Board shall consist of seven (7) members appointed by the Governor.  
20 Five members shall be psychologists from various areas in psychology  
21 and two members shall be lay persons. At the expiration of the term  
22 of each Board member ~~who is a psychologist~~, the Governor shall  
23 appoint a successor ~~from a list of ten licensed psychologists which~~  
24 ~~is provided by the Oklahoma State Psychological Association.~~ In  
selecting appointees, the Governor may consider recommendations from  
a statewide organization representing psychologists, a state chapter

1 of a national organization representing psychologists, or other  
2 groups or individuals in this state. Members shall serve for a term  
3 of four (4) years and until a successor is appointed and qualified.  
4 Before entering upon the duties of office, each member of the Board  
5 shall take the constitutional oath of office and file it with the  
6 Secretary of State.

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

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

22 SECTION 3. This act shall become effective November 1, 2023.

23 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES  
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