

WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE

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Introduced

Senate Bill 344

By Senators Woelfel and Deeds

[Introduced January 12, 2024; referred
to the Committee on Health and Human Resources]

1 A BILL to amend and reenact §30-30-30 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating
 2 to registration as service worker for the Bureau for Children and Families of the
 3 Department of Health and Human Resources.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

ARTICLE 30. SOCIAL WORKERS.

§30-30-30. Registration as a Bureau for Children and Families service worker.

1 To be eligible to be registered as a service worker for the Bureau for Children and Families
 2 of the Department of Health and Human Resources, the applicant must:

- 3 (1) Submit an application to the board;
- 4 (2) Be at least 18 years of age;
- 5 (3) Have a baccalaureate degree;
- 6 (4) Have obtained employment by the bureau;
- 7 (5) Satisfy the requirements of the West Virginia Clearance for Access: Registry and
 8 Employment Screening Act provided in §16-49-1 *et seq.* of this code;
- 9 (6) Satisfy the requirements provided in §30-1-24 of this code;
- 10 (7) Complete 240 hours of pre-service training developed by the bureau: *Provided, That if*
 11 the applicant has a baccalaureate, master's, or graduate degree in social work, the applicant must
 12 complete 80 hours of pre-service experiential and court-room training developed by the bureau;
- 13 (8) Complete 20 hours of board-approved continuing social work education every two
 14 years, up to 10 of which may be earned through board-approved online education hours:
 15 *Provided, That* at least two of the hours shall be related to the Code of Ethics adopted by the
 16 board, and at least two hours shall be related to social, health, and mental health concerns of
 17 veterans and their families; and
- 18 (9) Pay the application fee.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to modify the registration as a service worker for the

Bureau for Children and Families of the Department of Health and Human Resources

Strike-throughs indicate language that would be stricken from a heading or the present law and underscoring indicates new language that would be added.