



North Dakota Association for Behavior Analysis

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Chairman Elkin and Senate Education Committee,

My name is Cristine Deaver. I represent North Dakota Association for Behavior Analysis. We are in support of SB 2340 with one minor change under Section 1, 4.b:

SECTION 1.

15.1-06-19 Counselor positions- Requirement

4. For purposes of this section,

b. "Counselor" means an individual who meets the requirements of an approved program of graduate study in school guidance and counseling from a college or university approved by the education standards and practices board, a school psychologist recognized by the education standards and practices board, a behavior intervention specialist recognized by the education standards and practices board, a licensed behavior analyst, or a licensed social worker, licensed professional counselor, licensed marriage and family therapist, licensed psychologist, or licensed addiction counselor.

Behavior intervention specialists and licensed behavior analysts have completed course work and supervised experience in behavior skills training, preventative practices, environmental modifications, and crisis/safety management. These services can be delivered across all grade levels and populations of students, as well as using a variety of instructional formats (large and small group, and one-on-one instruction). The inclusion of behavior intervention specialists and licensed applied behavior analysts will help address the workforce shortage while assuring students have access to highly skilled professionals to meet their social, emotional, and behavioral needs.

Behavior Intervention Specialist Endorsement Requirements:

<https://www.nd.gov/espb/sites/www/files/documents/Behavior-Intervention-Specialist%20-Special-Education-Endorsement-best.pdf>

Licensed Applied Behavior Analyst Licensure Requirements:

<https://ndlegis.gov/information/acdata/pdf/112-05-01.pdf>