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**SYNOPSIS**

Revises psychologist training requirements.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As reported by the Assembly Regulated Professions Committee on January 27, 2020, with amendments.



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1 AN ACT revising psychologist training requirements and amending  
2 P.L.1966, c.282.

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State  
5 of New Jersey:

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7 1. Section 17 of P.L.1966, c.282 (C.45:14B-17) is amended to  
8 read as follows:

9 17. Any person applying to the board, after January 1, 1968, may  
10 be admitted to an assembled examination if **[he]** the applicant meets  
11 the qualifications set forth in **[section 14(a), (b) and (c)]** subsections  
12 (a), (b), and (c) of section 14 of P.L.1966, c.282 (C.45:14B-14) and  
13 provides evidence satisfactory to the board that **[he]** the applicant:

14 (a) Has received the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in psychology  
15 from a recognized educational institution, or in lieu of **[such]** that  
16 degree, a doctoral degree in a closely allied field if it is the opinion of  
17 the board that the training required therefor is substantially similar, or  
18 has otherwise had training in psychology deemed equivalent by the  
19 board;

20 (b) Has engaged for the equivalent of at least **[2]** two years full  
21 time, at least **[1]** one year of which was subsequent to **[his]** the  
22 applicant receiving the doctoral degree, in professional **[employment]**  
23 experience in the practice of psychology under the supervision of a  
24 licensed psychologist or of one clearly eligible for licensure in the  
25 opinion of the board, which **[employment]** experience the board  
26 deems sufficient to warrant its opinion that the applicant is competent  
27 to engage in the practice of psychology as a licensed psychologist,  
28 subject to **[his]** the applicant satisfying the other requirements for  
29 **[such]** that license specified in **[this act]** P.L.1966, c.282 (C.45:14B-1  
30 et seq.). In the case of a person applying to the board after <sup>1</sup>**[January]**  
31 October<sup>1</sup>1, 2020, or six months after the <sup>1</sup>**[passage]** effective date<sup>1</sup> of  
32 P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as this bill),  
33 whichever is sooner, the two years of full time professional experience  
34 required by this subsection, or any portion thereof, may be completed  
35 prior to the applicant receiving a doctoral degree. An applicant who  
36 has applied to the board, but who is not yet licensed by the effective  
37 date of P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as this  
38 bill), may update the application to apply professional experience  
39 earned prior to the applicant receiving a doctoral degree to the  
40 professional experience requirement.

41 (c) The New Jersey Board of Psychological Examiners shall  
42 promulgate regulations to implement the changes in the experience

**EXPLANATION** – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **[thus]** in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

<sup>1</sup>Assembly ARP committee amendments adopted January 27, 2020.

1 requirements of subsection (b) of this section effected by P.L. \_\_\_\_\_,  
2 c. (C. \_\_\_\_\_) (pending before the Legislature as this bill).  
3 (cf: P.L.1966, c.282, s.17)

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5 2. This act shall take effect immediately.