



2003 SENATE BILL 401

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1 **AN ACT to renumber and amend** 457.08 (4) (b) of the statutes; **relating to:**
2 qualifications for a clinical social worker license and granting rule-making
3 authority.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, the social worker section of the Marriage and Family Therapy, Professional Counseling and Social Work Examining Board grants licenses to different types of social workers, including clinical social workers. For a clinical social worker license, an applicant must satisfy specified requirements, including having a master's or doctorate degree in social work. In addition, as part of the master's or doctorate degree program, the applicant must have completed a clinical social worker concentration and supervised clinical field training.

Under this bill, an applicant is allowed to have completed the concentration and field training as part of postgraduate studies or, as under current law, as part of a master's or doctorate degree program. In addition, regardless of whether the concentration and field training have been completed as part of postgraduate studies or a master's or doctorate degree program, the bill specifies that the concentration and field training must be approved by the social worker section. Also, the bill allows the board, with the advice of the social worker section, to promulgate rules allowing

