

**House Study Bill 159 - Introduced**

HOUSE FILE \_\_\_\_\_  
BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE ON  
HUMAN RESOURCES BILL BY  
CHAIRPERSON LUNDGREN)

**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to continuing education requirements for  
2 certain professions.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 154C.3, subsection 3, Code 2019, is  
2 amended to read as follows:

3 3. *License renewal and continuing education.* Licenses  
4 shall be renewed biennially, and licensees shall pay a fee for  
5 renewal as determined by the board and shall present evidence  
6 satisfactory to the board that the licensee has satisfied  
7 continuing education requirements as determined by the board.  
8 The board shall not limit the number of continuing education  
9 credits that may be obtained online in satisfying continuing  
10 education requirements, provided that any program providing  
11 continuing education credits online shall comply with standards  
12 set by the board.

13 Sec. 2. Section 154D.3, subsection 1, paragraph e, Code  
14 2019, is amended to read as follows:

15 e. Educational activities which fulfill continuing education  
16 requirements for license renewals. The board shall not limit  
17 the number of continuing education credits that may be obtained  
18 online by marital and family therapists or mental health  
19 counselors in fulfilling continuing education requirements,  
20 provided that any program providing continuing education  
21 credits online shall comply with standards set by the board.

22 EXPLANATION

23 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with  
24 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

25 This bill relates to continuing education requirements for  
26 licensed social workers, marital and family therapists, and  
27 mental health counselors. The bill prohibits the board of  
28 social work from limiting the number of continuing education  
29 credits that social workers may obtain online and the board  
30 of behavioral science from limiting the number of continuing  
31 education credits that marital and family therapists and mental  
32 health counselors may obtain online. Programs providing  
33 continuing education credits online must comply with standards  
34 set by the appropriate board.