

Bills Impacting School Psychology:**HB 713: Department of Health, Effective 7/1/20**

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The bill amends numerous practice acts to streamline regulation and increase efficiency. The bill makes numerous updates and changes to programs and health care professions regulated under the boards and Department of Health (DOH).

Repeals a health care practitioner's failure to repay student loans as grounds for discipline by the DOH.

Changes to section 490.005, F.S.:

- An outdated reference to the school psychology educational accrediting agency, Commission on Recognition of Postsecondary Accreditation was updated with the successor agency, Council for Higher Education Accreditation.

Changes to section 490.006, F.S.:

- The licensure method of endorsement of other state license was eliminated; and
- The application method endorsement of 20 years licensed psychology experience was changed to require only 10 years of licensed experience.

HB 115: Keep Our Graduates Working Act, Effective 7/1/20

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- The bill prohibits the Department of Health (DOH) from denying the issuance of, refusing to renew, suspending, or revoking a professional license based solely on the licensee being delinquent on a payment of or defaulting on his or her student loans. The bill removes the specific provision allowing DOH to discipline a health care practitioner for failing to repay a student loan and the associated mandatory discipline. The bill repeals the requirement that DOH must issue an emergency order suspending a health care practitioner's license for a student loan default, absent timely proof of a new repayment plan. Additionally, the bill repeals the requirement that DOH must obtain a monthly list from the United States Health and Human Services (USHHS) of the health care practitioners who have defaulted on their student loans.