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Agency: TEXAS STATE BOARD EXAMINERS PSYCHOLOGISTS

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Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed:

Issue #4- Opposed; the TSBEP should be maintained as the agency regulating the practice of psychology in Texas, including Licensed Specialists in School Psychology.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency:

- Rename licensure from "Licensed Specialist in School Psychology (LSSP)" to "School Psychologist". Rationale: This will eliminate confusion experienced by parents, educators, consumers, and the public.
- Ensure proportionate Representation of LSSPs on the TSBEP. Rationale: School psychologists represent 30% of the licensees regulated by TSBEP, but presently have half of one seat on the TSBEP board.
- Allow LSSPs to practice in private schools. Rationale: While this is currently prohibited, it will enable students in private schools to receive access to mental health services.
- Align State Law and Regulation for Practice to Reflect National Standards for the Practice of School Psychology. Rationale: As a matter of alignment, the state standards should be in line with the national standards.
- Ensure that LSSPs have a conferred degree in School Psychology or a Re-Specialization Certification from a School Psychology Program. Rationale: This will ensure those who seek to work with children are trained in this applied field of psychology.
- Remove the Prohibition of LSSPs Ability to Practice in Private Clinics. Rationale: This provides access to services for children who would not have access to mental health services.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree