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Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed: TSBEP is an absolutely necessary agency that licenses, regulates, and supports LSSPs and other related professionals in the state. As an LSSP it is important to be represented and licensed by a psychological board rather than a board of education as psychological professionals are held to high standards of practice, ethics, and law. TSBEP helps regulate professionals, be supportive, and be corrective as needed. School psychologists are an ever growing need of the nation. It is a highly regarded and esteemed position that needs to continue upward growth and improvement.

TSBEP bases a lot of its standards on those set forth by our national association that is highly research based and guides best practices in our profession.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: I fully support the Texas Association of School Psychologists Sunset Task Force 7 initiatives.

None require funding or cost by the state and all seven initiatives allow LSSPs to practice school psychology and utilize our training to the fullest to support children in all types of educational and sometimes mental health institutions. Our specialized skills benefit all aspects of a child's life and we are trained in a holistic approach - helping education professionals, parents, community, and the child. As mental health demands increase in our nation, school psychologists are best trained to address this at a very foundational level -- in our schools.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree