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By Representatives Appleton and Jenkins

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1 AN ACT Relating to permitting federally recognized Indian tribes to
2 certify counselors as agency affiliated counselors; and amending RCW
3 18.19.020.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 18.19.020 and 2010 1st sp.s. c 20 s 1 are each amended
6 to read as follows:

7 The definitions in this section apply throughout this chapter
8 unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

9 (1) "Agency" means (a) an agency or facility operated, licensed, or
10 certified by the state of Washington (~~(or)~~); (b) a federally recognized
11 Indian tribe located within the state; or (c) a county.

12 (2) "Agency affiliated counselor" means a person registered under
13 this chapter who is engaged in counseling and employed by an agency.
14 "Agency affiliated counselor" includes juvenile probation counselors
15 who are employees of the juvenile court under RCW 13.04.035 and
16 13.04.040 and juvenile court employees providing functional family
17 therapy, aggression replacement training, or other evidence-based
18 programs approved by the juvenile rehabilitation administration of the
19 department of social and health services.

1 (3) "Certified adviser" means a person certified under this chapter
2 who is engaged in private practice counseling to the extent authorized
3 in RCW 18.19.200.

4 (4) "Certified counselor" means a person certified under this
5 chapter who is engaged in private practice counseling to the extent
6 authorized in RCW 18.19.200.

7 (5) "Client" means an individual who receives or participates in
8 counseling or group counseling.

9 (6) "Counseling" means employing any therapeutic techniques,
10 including but not limited to social work, mental health counseling,
11 marriage and family therapy, and hypnotherapy, for a fee that offer,
12 assist or attempt to assist an individual or individuals in the
13 amelioration or adjustment of mental, emotional, or behavioral
14 problems, and includes therapeutic techniques to achieve sensitivity
15 and awareness of self and others and the development of human
16 potential. For the purposes of this chapter, nothing may be construed
17 to imply that the practice of hypnotherapy is necessarily limited to
18 counseling.

19 (7) "Counselor" means an individual, practitioner, therapist, or
20 analyst who engages in the practice of counseling to the public for a
21 fee, including for the purposes of this chapter, hypnotherapists.

22 (8) "Department" means the department of health.

23 (9) "Hypnotherapist" means a person registered under this chapter
24 who is practicing hypnosis as a modality.

25 (10) "Private practice counseling" means the practice of counseling
26 by a certified counselor or certified adviser as specified in RCW
27 18.19.200.

28 (11) "Psychotherapy" means the practice of counseling using
29 diagnosis of mental disorders according to the fourth edition of the
30 diagnostic and statistical manual of mental disorders, published in
31 1994, and the development of treatment plans for counseling based on
32 diagnosis of mental disorders in accordance with established practice
33 standards.

34 (12) "Secretary" means the secretary of the department or the
35 secretary's designee.

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