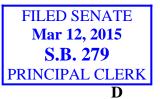
## GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA SESSION 2015



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## SENATE DRS15085-MGqq-67 (03/05)

Short Title:	Amend Qualifications/Practice of Counseling.	(Public)
Sponsors:	Senator Barefoot (Primary Sponsor).	
Referred to:		

1	A BILL TO BE ENTITLED			
2	AN ACT AMENDING THE PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS ACT TO MODIFY			
3	EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS FOR THE PRACTICE OF COUNSELING.			
4	The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:			
5	<b>SECTION 1.</b> G.S. 90-336(b) reads as rewritten:			
6	"(b) The Board shall issue a license as a "licensed professional counselor associate" to an			
7	7 applicant who meets all of the following criteria:			
8	(1) Has earned a minimum of 48 semester hours or 72 quarter credit hours of			
9	graduate training as defined by the Board, including a master's degree in			
10	counseling or a related field from a regionally or nationally accredited			
11	institution of higher education if the applicant enrolled in the master's			
12	program before July 1, 2009; a minimum of 54 semester hours or 81 quarter			
13	credit hours of graduate training as defined by the Board, including a			
14	master's degree in counseling or a related field from a regionally or			
15	nationally accredited institution of higher education if the applicant enrolled			
16	in the master's program before July 1, 2013, but after June 30, 2009; or a			
17	minimum of 60 semester hours or 90 quarter credit hours of graduate			
18	training as defined by the Board, including a master's degree in counseling			
19	or a related field from a regionally or nationally accredited institution of			
20	higher education if the applicant enrolled in the master's program after June			
21	30, 2013.			
22	(2) Repealed by Session Laws 2009-367, s. 6, effective October 1, 2009.			
23	(3) Has passed an examination in accordance with rules adopted by the Board."			
24	<b>SECTION 2.</b> This act becomes effective October 1, 2015.			

