

Senate Bill 485

By: Senators Payne of the 54th, Anavitarte of the 31st, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Setzler of the 37th, Robertson of the 29th and others

AS PASSED SENATE

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1 To amend Article 1 of Chapter 10A of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
 2 relating to examination regarding professional counselors, social workers, and marriage and
 3 family therapists, so as to authorize applicants for a license in social work enrolled in a
 4 master's degree program to take the master's social work licensing examination in their final
 5 semester of the program; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for
 6 other purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 Article 1 of Chapter 10A of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
 10 examination regarding professional counselors, social workers, and marriage and family
 11 therapists, is amended by revising Code Section 43-10A-9, relating to examination, as
 12 follows:

13 "43-10A-9.

14 (a) The board shall provide for the conduct of examinations for licensure in each specialty
 15 at least twice a year. Examinations may be written, oral, experiential, or any combination
 16 thereof and shall deal with such theoretical and applied fields as prescribed by the board.

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17 The examinee's name shall not be disclosed to any person grading the examination until
18 that grading is complete.

19 (b) An applicant for a license in social work enrolled in a master's degree in social work
20 program accredited by the Council on Social Work Education may sit for the master's
21 social work licensing examination in such applicant's final semester of the program. The
22 board may adopt rules and regulations to administer the provisions of this subsection."

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SECTION 2.

24 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.