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# H. R. 1710

To include family therapists on the list of professionals recognized to provide public school mental health services under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 25, 2009

Mr. SOUDER (for himself, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. HARE, and Mr. YARMUTH) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and Labor

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## A BILL

To include family therapists on the list of professionals recognized to provide public school mental health services under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965.

1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3       **SECTION 1. INCLUSION OF FAMILY THERAPISTS.**

4       The Elementary and Secondary Education Act of  
5       1965 (20 U.S.C. 6301 et seq.) is amended—

6               (1) in section 4151 (20 U.S.C. 7161)—

7                       (A) in paragraph (9), by inserting “family  
8               therapist,” after “school social worker,”; and

1 (B) in paragraph (10), by inserting “State  
2 licensed or State certified family therapists,”  
3 after “psychologists,”;

4 (2) in section 5421 (20 U.S.C. 7245)—

5 (A) in subsection (a)(2)(A), by striking “,  
6 and students to school psychologists” and in-  
7 serting “, students to school psychologists, and  
8 students to family therapists”;

9 (B) in subsection (c)(2)—

10 (i) in subparagraph (D), by striking  
11 “, or child and adolescent psychiatrists”  
12 and inserting “, child and adolescent psy-  
13 chiatrists, or family therapists”;

14 (ii) in subparagraph (G), by striking  
15 “, and child and adolescent psychiatrists”  
16 and inserting “, child and adolescent psy-  
17 chiatrists, and family therapists”; and

18 (iii) in subparagraph (L), by striking  
19 “, or child and adolescent psychiatrists”  
20 and inserting “, child and adolescent psy-  
21 chiatrists, or family therapists”;

22 (C) in subsection (e)—

23 (i) in paragraph (4)(C), by striking  
24 “and” after the semicolon at the end;

1 (ii) in paragraph (5)(B)(ii), by strik-  
2 ing the period at the end and inserting “;  
3 and”; and

4 (iii) by adding at the end the fol-  
5 lowing:

6 “(6) the term ‘family therapist’ means an indi-  
7 vidual who—

8 “(A) is licensed or certified in marriage  
9 and family therapy by the State in which the  
10 individual works; and

11 “(B) practices in the scope of the individ-  
12 ual’s education, training, and experience with  
13 children in school settings.”; and

14 (D) in subsection (f)(2)—

15 (i) in subparagraph (B), by striking  
16 “and” after the semicolon;

17 (ii) in subparagraph (C), by striking  
18 the period at the end and inserting “;  
19 and”; and

20 (iii) by adding at the end the fol-  
21 lowing:

22 “(D) family therapists.”; and

23 (3) in section 9101(36)(A) (20 U.S.C.  
24 7801(36)(A)), by inserting “State licensed or State

1 certified family therapists,” after “school psycholo-  
2 gists,”.

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