

**BOARD OF BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES  
INITIAL STATEMENT OF REASONS**

**SUBJECT MATTER OF PROPOSED REGULATIONS: CHILD ABUSE ASSESSMENT  
TRAINING REQUIREMENTS**

**SECTION AFFECTED: Amend Section 1807.2 of Division 18 of Title 16**

**SPECIFIC PURPOSE OF EACH ADOPTION, AMENDMENT OR REPEAL:**

The amendments to this section will increase the entities in which a pre-licensed person can obtain required training in child abuse assessment, allow continuing education providers and licensed health facilities to offer this training, and correct an incorrect Education Code reference section.

**FACTUAL BASIS:**

Currently there is a pre licensure requirement that an individual complete seven hours of training or coursework in child abuse assessment. Regulation Section 1807.2 provides guidance as to where this training may be taken and does not include Board approved continuing education providers and licensed health facilities as acceptable entities to offer the training. Also, the current regulation contains an incorrect reference section related to the Education Code.

The amendments to Section 1807.2 will allow continuing education providers and licensed health facilities the opportunity to offer the required child abuse assessment training to pre licensed individuals and will correct the reference section of law that relates to the approving authority of the Bureau of Private Postsecondary and Vocation Education.

**UNDERLYING DATA:**

None

**BUSINESS IMPACT:**

This regulation will not have a significant adverse economic impact on businesses.

**SPECIFIC TECHNOLOGIES OR EQUIPMENT:**

The proposed regulation does not mandate the use of specific technologies or equipment.

**CONSIDERATION OF ALTERNATIVES:**

No alternative which was considered would be either more effective than or equally as effective as and less burdensome to affected private persons than the proposed regulation.

Set forth below is the alternative, which was considered, and the reason the alternative was rejected:

**Alternative #1:**

Not amend the Child Abuse Assessment Training Requirements and continue to limit the entities that can offer the necessary training to pre-licensed individuals. This alternative was rejected because pre-licensed individuals are experiencing difficulties in locating an entity for this required training and continuing education providers and licensed health facilities would like to offer this required training to pre licensed individuals and to staff.