

**STATE OF CALIFORNIA – DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
BOARD OF BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES
INITIAL STATEMENT OF REASONS**

HEARING DATE: November 16, 2006

SUBJECT MATTER OF PROPOSED REGULATIONS: Applications, Abandonment of Application, Re-Examination, Renewal Fees, Initial License and Registration Fees, Written Examination and Re-Examination Fees, Examination Application Fees, Inactive License Fees, Equivalent Degrees, Equivalent Experience in Pupil Personnel Services, Experience Equivalent to Three (3) Years Full-Time Experience as Credentialed School Psychologist, Experience Equivalent to One Year of Supervised Professional Experience, and Unprofessional Conduct

SECTIONS AFFECTED: Sections 1805, 1806, 1833.3, 1816, 1816.1, 1816.2, 1816.4, 1816.6, 1854, 1855, 1856, 1857, and 1858 of Division 18 of Title 16 of the California Code of Regulations

SPECIFIC PURPOSE OF EACH ADOPTION, AMENDMENT, OR REPEAL:

The specific purpose of this proposal is to: 1) establish a 180-day waiting period between examinations for any applicant retaking an examination in order to ensure that the applicant takes a different version of the examination; 2) resolve the discrepancy between 16 CCR Section 1806 and Section 1833.3, providing all candidates with a one-year period in which to take an examination to avoid abandonment of their application; 3) set forth non-substantive changes that would restructure the Board's regulations or make text revisions in order to: provide clarity; improve structure and order; provide consistency across the practice acts; and remove duplicative, outdated, or unnecessary language; 4) reference "educational institution approved by the board..." under BPC Section 4989.20 (SB 1475); 5) repeal and/or delete outdated grandparenting provisions; and 6) delete provisions under the Board's regulations that will instead fall under BPC 4989.54 (SB 1475).

FACTUAL BASIS/RATIONALE

This proposal is reasonably necessary in that it restructures and clarifies the Board's regulations, removes duplicative, outdated, or unnecessary language, and sets forth provisions that are in line with SB 1475.

UNDERLYING DATA

None

BUSINESS IMPACT

The proposed regulations will not have a significant adverse economic impact on businesses.

SPECIFIC TECHNOLOGIES OR EQUIPMENT

The proposed regulations do not mandate the use of specific technologies or equipment.

CONSIDERATION OF ALTERNATIVES

No reasonable alternative to the regulation would be either more effective in carrying out the purpose for which the action is proposed or would be as effective and less burdensome to affected private persons than the proposed regulation.