LEGISLATIVE FAQs

On May 27, 2022, Governor Pritzker signed HB4769, the Behavior Analyst Licensing Act. The bill had an immediate effective date; however, this does not mean BCBAs can now go get a license. The Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation (IDFPR) now has to create and pass administrative rules to implement the Act before they will begin licensing; IDFPR has 20 months to do finish this process. ILABA will work with IDFPR through this process.

Q When did HB4769 become law?

A May 27, 2022

Q What does HB4769 do?

A HB4769 creates the Behavior Analyst Licensing Act.

Q What does the Behavior Analyst Licensing Act mean for me today?

A As of today, nothing for current BCBAs changes, and you do not need to run to IDFPR to obtain a license.

Q What do I have to do to get a license?

A IDFPR will create the licensing process through administrative rules. ILABA will work with IDFPR in this process. Once rules and process are finalized, ILABA will communicate details.

Q Why are the educational requirements in the bill and what if I do not meet them?

A Under HB4769, to obtain a license one must be a graduate of a graduate level program with a degree in behavior analysis. This language was supposed to be expanded to include broader language to reflect the fact many BCBAs do not have degrees in behavior analysis. However, the 2022 legislative session was a truncated session, and time ran out to pass the agreed amended language. Legislative intent was read into the record to reflect the agreement with IDFPR regarding the inclusive educational requirements. IDFPR has agreed to begin implementation of the bill as though the broader language was passed, and in the 2022 Veto Session, a trailer bill will be passed with the correct educational requirements. The 2022 Veto Session is scheduled for November 15, 16 17, 29, 30 and Dec 1. While called Veto Session, the days are regular session days in which the General Assembly can take up new legislation, including our bill to correct the educational requirements.