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Senate Bill 1315 (Substitute S-2)  
Sponsor: Senator Gilda Z. Jacobs  
Committee: Economic Development and Regulatory Reform

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### **CONTENT**

**The bill would amend the Public Health Code to require a doctoral degree in psychology to be from a program that had received a designation or accreditation from a particular association or an entity approved by the Michigan Board of Psychology.**

The Code requires the Michigan Board of Psychology to promulgate rules under which an individual granted a psychology license must meet certain requirements. Among the requirements is that the individual have been granted a doctoral degree in psychology, or a doctoral degree in a closely related field, from a regionally accredited or other college, university, or institution approved by the Board, which included education and training appropriate to the practice of psychology.

The bill also would require that, beginning August 1, 2011, the doctoral degree be from a program that had obtained the Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards' National Register designation or had been accredited by the American Psychological Association or the Canadian Psychological Association, or had obtained a similar designation from or been accredited by an entity approved by the Michigan Board of Psychology. A program that was in the process of obtaining the designation or becoming accredited before August 1, 2011, and that obtained the designation or became accredited by August 31, 2015, would meet the bill's requirements.

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### **FISCAL IMPACT**

The bill would have no fiscal impact on State or local government.

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