



HB 2598

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ)

What are the impacts of House Bill 2598 (HB 2598)?

HB 2598 replaced the term “Licensed Specialist in School Psychology (LSSP)” with “school psychologist” across multiple Texas statutes—including the Education Code, Government Code, and Occupations Code.

When does HB 2598 take effect?

September 1, 2025.

Is LSSP going away?

Sort of. The name of the **license** to practice psychology in the schools **will change** to “School Psychologist”. If you currently hold an LSSP license, you will still be licensed to provide psychological services in schools—the only change is the name of the license.

Will the application process change?

Other than the name of the license to apply for, no changes will be made to the application process.



Is TSBEP going to mail me a new license that says School Psychologist?

No. After TSBEP and BHEC update the licensing system, BHEC will notify licenses of how they may go to the online renewal system and obtain a new wall certificate with the updated “school psychologist” license.

Is my TSBEP license number changing because of the new name of the license?

No

When will the TSBEP rules remove references to “LSSP” and replace it with “school psychologist”?

It will take time as it still has to go through the typical rule making process. Once the bill takes effect in September 2025, rule changes must be proposed through the TSBEP Rules Committee, approved by TSBEP and BHEC, posted in the Texas Register for public comment, and then adopted by both TSBEP and BHEC.

Can I introduce myself to others/can others refer to me as a “School Psychologist” and not say “LSSP”?

Yes

Am I still a LSSP?

No. Now, both the title and license are “school psychologist”.



How should our signature line/block appear on reports, email signature, business cards?

Any option listed below is acceptable:

Your Name, MA

Your Name, SSP

Your Name, PhD

School Psychologist

School Psychologist

School Psychologist

Your Name, MA

Your Name, SSP

Your Name, PhD

School Psychologist

School Psychologist

School Psychologist

TSBEP #xxxxxxx

TSBEP #xxxxxxx

TSBEP #xxxxxxx

Your Name, MA, NCSP

Your Name, SSP, NCSP

Your Name, PhD, NCSP

School Psychologist

School Psychologist

School Psychologist

Your Name, MA, NCSP

Your Name, SSP, NCSP

Your Name, PhD, NCSP

School Psychologist

School Psychologist

School Psychologist

TSBEP# xxxxxx, NCSP #xxxxx

TSBEP# xxxxxx, NCSP #xxxxx

TSBEP# xxxxxx, NCSP #xxxxx

Your Name

School Psychologist



Should school districts change the name of the position from “LSSP” to “School Psychologist”?

Yes. All legal references, school job postings, contracts, and district policies must now use “school psychologist.” The outdated term “LSSP” will be officially phased out in Texas codes.

TASP will be reaching out to the Texas Education Agency to encourage them to change the 023 code in Table C021 in the Texas Student Data Standards (TSDS).