



2023 SENATE BILL 253

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1 **AN ACT relating to:** a tier I license issued by the Department of Public
2 Instruction and modifying administrative rules promulgated by the
3 Department of Public Instruction.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, the state superintendent of public instruction must promulgate rules to license all teachers and individuals employed to provide publicly funded special education and related services in public schools. Additionally, under current law, school boards must ensure that teachers, supervisors, administrators and professional staff members hold a license or permit issued by the Department of Public Instruction. Similarly, under current law, charter school authorizers must ensure that all charter school instructional staff hold a license or permit issued by DPI.

Under current DPI administrative rules, an individual is eligible for a tier I license as a clinically trained social worker issued by DPI if the individual holds 1) a master's degree in social work and 2) a valid social work certificate or license issued by the social worker section of the marriage and family therapy, professional counseling, and social work examining board. This bill creates a similar tier I license issued by DPI for clinically trained marriage and family therapists. Under the bill, an individual is eligible for such a tier I license if the individual holds 1) a master's degree in marriage and family therapy and 2) a valid marriage and family therapy certificate, training license, or clinical license issued by the marriage and family therapy section of the marriage and family therapy, professional counseling, and

