

**INDEPENDENT REGULATORY REVIEW COMMISSION
APPROVAL ORDER**

Commissioners Voting:

Public Meeting Held September 21, 2023

George D. Bedwick, Chairman
John F. Mizner, Esq., Vice Chairman
John J. Soroko, Esq.
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Regulation No. 16A-679 (#3358)
State Board of Occupational Therapy
Education and Licensure
Child Abuse Reporting Requirements

On September 27, 2022, the Independent Regulatory Review Commission (Commission) received this proposed regulation from the State Board of Occupational Therapy Education and Licensure (Board). This rulemaking amends 49 Pa. Code §§ 42.13 -42.16, 42.41-42.47 and 42.53 and adds §§ 42.48 and 42.49. The proposed regulation was published in the October 22, 2022 *Pennsylvania Bulletin* with a public comment period ending on November 21, 2022. The final-form regulation was submitted to the Commission on August 1, 2023.

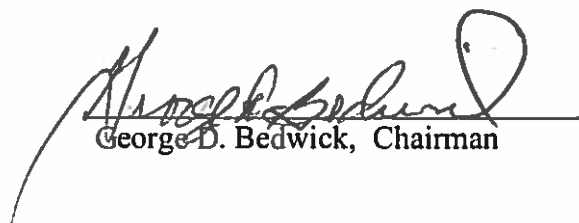
This proposed regulation updates the Board's child abuse reporting regulations to be consistent with the Child Protective Services Law (CPSL), including the required training in child abuse recognition and reporting for licensees who are considered to be "mandated reporters" under the CPSL.

We have determined this regulation is consistent with the statutory authority of the Board (63 P.S. § 1505(b) and 23 Pa.C.S. § 6383(b)(2)) and the intention of the General Assembly. Having considered all of the other criteria of the Regulatory Review Act, we find promulgation of this regulation is in the public interest.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

This regulation is approved.




George D. Bedwick, Chairman