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PARKLAND, Fla. – Last week [House Bills 33 and 35](#): Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact and Public Rec. and Meetings/Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact sponsored by **Representative Christine Hunschofsky (D-Parkland)** and **Representative Traci Koster (R-Tampa)**. This bill will allow Florida to become a compact state for psychologists which will give psychologists in the state the ability to continue to care for their patients (remotely or up to 30 days in-person) who move or travel to a compact state. There are currently 37 compact states. This licensure reciprocity will allow for a continuum of care for our students, seniors, and all Floridians. This was signed into law by **Governor DeSantis**. This legislation will go into effect on July 1st.

“The compact is an important step in providing the ability for our college students to continue their mental health care with their trusted mental health professional once they leave home,” said **Representative Hunschofsky (D-Parkland)**. “That is one of the major benefits of this bill, in addition to more opportunity for access to quality mental health care for Floridians.”

“We are experiencing a shortage of qualified mental health professionals across the state of Florida. My hope is that HB 33 and HB 35 will serve to address this shortage and help families who desperately need access to care,” said **Representative Koster (R- Tampa)**.

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