

FLOOR AMENDMENT

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

State of Oklahoma

SPEAKER:

CHAIR:

I move to amend SB1074 _____
Of the printed Bill
Page 1-7 Section 1 Lines _____
Of the Engrossed Bill

By deleting the current Section 1 and inserting in lieu thereof the
attached new Section 1.

SEE ATTACHED

AMEND TITLE TO CONFORM TO AMENDMENTS

Amendment submitted by: Josh West

Adopted: _____

Reading Clerk

1 "SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2011, Section 1603, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 Section 1603. A. As used in the Speech-Language Pathology and
4 Audiology Licensing Act:

5 1. "Board" means the Board of Examiners for Speech-Language
6 Pathology and Audiology;

7 2. "Person" means any individual, partnership, organization or
8 corporation, except that only individuals may be licensed under the
9 Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Licensing Act;

10 3. "Licensed speech-language pathologist", "licensed speech-
11 language pathology fellow", "licensed speech-language pathology
12 assistant" or "licensed audiologist" means an individual to whom a
13 license has been issued pursuant to the provisions of the Speech-
14 Language Pathology and Audiology Licensing Act, which license has
15 not expired or has not been suspended or revoked;

16 4. "Speech-language pathologist" (SLP) means any person who
17 ~~evaluates, examines, counsels or provides rehabilitative services~~
18 ~~for persons who have or are suspected of having a speech, voice~~
19 ~~and/or language disorder, and who meets the qualifications set forth~~
20 ~~in Section 1605 of this title. A speech-language pathologist is~~
21 ~~permitted to perform such basic audiometric tests and hearing~~
22 ~~therapy procedures as are consistent with such training~~ represents
23 himself or herself to be a speech-language pathologist and who meets
24 the qualifications set forth in Section 1605 of this title and

1 provides or offers to provide services defined as the practice of
2 speech-language pathology;

3 5. "Speech-language pathology assistant" (SLPA) means any
4 person who, after acquiring academic coursework, fieldwork, and on-
5 the-job training as set forth by rules promulgated by the Board,
6 performs tasks prescribed, directed, and supervised by licensed
7 speech-language pathologists. The speech-language pathology
8 assistant may implement prescribed therapies in children and adults
9 in specific treatment areas in which he or she has academic and
10 clinical training as prescribed by the Board of Examiners for
11 Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology and under the license of a
12 speech-language pathologist;

13 6. "Clinical fellow" means an individual who is currently in
14 the process of completing the supervised postgraduate professional
15 paid experience in speech-language pathology as set forth in
16 paragraph 3 of subsection A of Section 1605 of this title;

17 7. "Speech, voice, swallowing or language disorders" include,
18 but are not limited to, any and all conditions that impede the
19 normal process of human vocal communication;

20 ~~6.~~ 8. "Feeding or swallowing disorders", also called dysphagia,
21 include difficulty with any step of the feeding or swallowing
22 process. This may include losing food or liquids from the mouth,
23 difficulty chewing or sucking, difficulty protecting the airway, or
24 impaired sensation in the mouth or throat. These impairments may

1 result in a decreased liquid or food intake, choking on food or
2 liquid during eating or drinking, failure to thrive, pneumonia,
3 dehydration, malnutrition, or death. Assessment may include a
4 clinical evaluation of swallowing function or an instrumental
5 evaluation of swallowing function to determine the nature and
6 severity of the swallowing impairment, determine the safest and most
7 efficient food and liquid to be swallowed, and establishing a
8 treatment plan to improve swallowing function. Treatment may
9 include exercise regimes to rehabilitate muscles or neurological
10 function involved in swallowing, training compensatory strategies or
11 training techniques to improve swallowing safety and function.
12 Treatment may also include the provision of education to
13 individuals, parents, care providers, and others related to
14 feeding/swallowing function;

15 9. "Practice of speech-language pathology" means the rendering
16 or offering to render to any person or the public any speech, voice,
17 social communication, cognitive communication, feeding or swallowing
18 or language evaluation, examination, counseling or habitation and
19 rehabilitation of or for persons who have or are suspected of having
20 a speech, voice ~~and/or~~, feeding or swallowing or language disorder,
21 ~~and/or~~ or representing oneself to be a speech-language pathologist
22 or speech-language pathology assistant who meets the qualifications
23 set forth in Section 1605 of this title. Services may also be
24 provided for persons who want to learn how to communicate more

1 effectively including, but not limited to, accent modification and
2 other forms of communication enhancement. A speech-language
3 pathologist is permitted to perform such basic audiometric tests and
4 hearing therapy procedures as are consistent with such training. A
5 speech-language pathology assistant will only perform duties as
6 defined in paragraph 3 of subsection A of Section 1605 of this title
7 and under the supervision of a licensed speech-language pathologist;

8 ~~7. 10. "Audiologist" means any person who evaluates, examines,~~
9 ~~counsels or provides rehabilitative services for persons who have or~~
10 ~~are suspected of having a hearing disorder, and who meets the~~
11 ~~qualifications set forth in Section 1605 of this title. An~~
12 ~~audiologist also may provide consultation regarding noise control~~
13 ~~and hearing conservation, may conduct tests of vestibular function,~~
14 ~~may prepare ear impressions, and may provide evaluations of~~
15 ~~environment or equipment, including calibration, used in testing~~
16 ~~auditory functioning~~ represents himself or herself to be an
17 audiologist and who meets the qualifications set forth in Section
18 1605 of this title and provides or offers to provide services
19 defined as the practice of audiology;

20 ~~8. 11. "Hearing disorders" include, but are not limited to, any~~
21 ~~or all conditions of decreased or impaired auditory function;~~

22 ~~9. 12. "Vestibular or balance disorders" include, but are not~~
23 ~~limited to, any or all conditions of the decreased or impaired~~
24 vestibular function;

1 13. "Practice of audiology" means the rendering, or offering to
2 render, to any person or the public, the evaluation, examination,
3 counseling or rehabilitation of or for persons who have or are
4 suspected of having a hearing disorder, and/or representing oneself
5 to be an audiologist the prevention, identification, assessment, or
6 rehabilitation of or for persons who have or are suspected of having
7 a hearing or balance disorder, or representing oneself to be an
8 audiologist. An audiologist may perform vestibular assessments for
9 those individuals of any age suspected of having a balance disorder
10 and then provide appropriate rehabilitation once diagnosed by a
11 physician. An audiologist may also select, fit and dispense hearing
12 aids and hearing-assistive technology. The audiologist may perform
13 assessments to assist in determining candidacy for special hearing
14 technology such as cochlear implants or bone conduction systems, and
15 provide follow-up services. An audiologist may provide consultation
16 regarding noise control and participate in noise-conservation
17 programs which may include fitting of hearing-protection devices.
18 Audiologists may participate in research related to all of these.
19 An audiologist must meet the qualifications set forth in paragraph 3
20 of subsection A of Section 1605 of this title; and

21 ~~10.~~ 14. "Hearing screening" means one or more procedures used
22 to identify individuals who may have a hearing loss. Measurements
23 of auditory thresholds are not included in hearing screening
24 programs;

1 15. "Telepractice" means the means the practice of health care
2 delivery, diagnosis, consultation, evaluation and treatment,
3 transfer of medical data or exchange of medical education,
4 information by mean of a two-way, real-time interactive
5 communication, not to exclude store-and-forward technologies,
6 between a patient and a speech-language pathologist or audiologists
7 with access to and reviewing the patient's relevant clinical
8 information prior to the teletherapy visit; and

9 16. "Store-and-forward technologies" means the transmission of
10 a patient's medical information from an originating site to the
11 speech-language pathologist or audiologist at the distant site;
12 provided, photographs visualized by a telecommunications system
13 shall be specific to the patient's medical condition and adequate
14 for furnishing or confirming a diagnosis or treatment plan.

15 "Telepractice" and "store-and-forward technologies" shall not
16 include consultations provided by telephone, audio-only
17 communication, electronic mail, text message, instant messaging
18 conversation, website questionnaire, nonsecure video conference or
19 facsimile machine.

20 B. A person represents himself or herself to be a speech-
21 language pathologist when such person holds himself or herself out
22 to the public by any title or description of services incorporating
23 the words "speech-language pathology", "speech-language
24 pathologist", "speech pathology", "speech pathologist", "speech

1 therapy", "speech therapist", "speech correction", "speech
2 correctionist", "language therapy", "language therapist", "voice
3 pathology", "voice pathologist", "voice therapy", "voice therapist",
4 "logopedics", "logopedist", "communicology", "communicologist",
5 "aphasiologist", "phoniatriest", "speech clinician", "speech clinic",
6 "speech center" or any similar or related term or terms.

7 C. A person represents himself or herself to be a speech-
8 language pathology assistant when such person holds himself or
9 herself out to the public by any title or description of services as
10 listed for speech-language pathologist and is working under the
11 license of a speech-language pathologist. Anyone not holding
12 credentials for independent practice shall hold the designation of
13 assistant and be required to work under supervision.

14 D. A person represents himself or herself to be an audiologist
15 when such person holds himself or herself out to the public by any
16 title or description of services incorporating the terms
17 "audiology", "audiologist", "audiometry", "audiometrist", "hearing
18 therapy", "hearing therapist", "hearing conservation", "hearing
19 conservationist", "hearing clinician", "hearing clinic", "hearing
20 center", "audiological", "audiometrics", or any similar or related
21 term or terms.

22 ~~D.~~ E. The provision of speech-language pathology or audiology
23 services in this state through ~~telephonic~~ telepractice, electronic
24 or other means, regardless of the location of the speech-language

1 pathologist shall constitute the practice of speech-language
2 pathology ~~and/or~~ or audiology and shall require licensure in this
3 state."
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