

BILL SUMMARY
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Impact:	Please see previous summary of this measure

Research Analysis

SB 1837 creates the Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Interstate Compact, recognizing the licensure of an audiologist or speech-language pathologist in member states. The measure:

- Outlines education requirements for an audiologist and speech-language pathologist,
- Requires participating providers to follow the laws of the client's state,
- Authorizes participating states to charge a fee to providers wishing to participate in the Compact,
- Outlines licensure procedures for providers transferring states,
- Authorizes states to take action against a provider offering services within its jurisdiction, however, only the state issuing the license may discipline the provider's licensure, and
- Authorizes states to conduct joint investigations on the actions of a provider.

The measure also creates the Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Compact Commission. The Commission is directed to hold meetings, establish rules of the Compact, resolve disputes between member states, create a database containing licensure information of member states, and notify all member states when a participating provider faces adverse action. The Commission may assess each member state a fee in order to cover the costs of operation. A majority of member state legislatures may reject any rule from the Commission.

The Compact will take effect once ten state legislatures enact the Compact into law.

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Fiscal Analysis

The measure is currently under review and impact information will be completed.

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Other Considerations

None.