

1 ENGROSSED SENATE
2 BILL NO. 1232

By: Bergstrom of the Senate

3 and

4 Kendrix of the House

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6 An Act relating to professions and occupations;
7 amending 59 O.S. 2021, Section 1607, which relates to
8 the Board of Examiners for Speech-Language Pathology
9 and Audiology; extending sunset date; updating
10 statutory language; providing an effective date; and
11 declaring an emergency.

12 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

13 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2021, Section 1607, is
14 amended to read as follows:

15 Section 1607. A. There is hereby re-created, to continue until
16 ~~July 1, 2024~~ July 1, 2027, in accordance with the provisions of the
17 Oklahoma Sunset Law, the Board of Examiners for Speech-Language
18 Pathology and Audiology whose duty it is to administer the
19 provisions of the Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Licensing
20 Act. The members of the Board shall be residents of this state and
21 shall be appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of
22 the Senate. The Board shall be composed of five (5) members
23 consisting of three licensed speech-language pathologists or
24 audiologists, provided that at least one of the three shall be a
licensed speech-language pathologist and at least one, a licensed

1 audiologist; one otolaryngologist who is certified by the American
2 Board of Otolaryngology and one lay member.

3 B. The members of the original Board shall serve the following
4 terms: one member for one (1) year, two members for two (2) years,
5 and two members for three (3) years. Thereafter, at the expiration
6 of the term, or termination of the member's service for any reason,
7 the Governor shall appoint each successor for a term of three (3)
8 years, or for the remainder of an unexpired term. The successor for
9 any of the three speech-language pathologists or audiologists will
10 be selected from a list of five licensed speech-language
11 pathologists or audiologists, furnished by the Oklahoma Speech-
12 Language-Hearing Association. The re-creation of the Board shall
13 not affect the staggered terms of office for Board members
14 established with the original Board.

15 C. Before entering upon the duties of the member's office, each
16 member of the Board shall take the ~~Constitutional~~ constitutional
17 oath of office and file it with the Secretary of State.

18 D. Board members may be reappointed to serve one additional
19 three-year term. Three (3) years after the termination of a
20 previous appointment to the Board, a member may be reappointed for
21 one additional three-year term.

22 E. Board members shall be reimbursed for travel expenses
23 incurred in the performance of their duties as provided in the State
24 Travel Reimbursement Act.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2024.

SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

Passed the Senate the 12th day of February, 2024.

Presiding Officer of the Senate

Passed the House of Representatives the ____ day of _____,
2024.

Presiding Officer of the House
of Representatives