

**SENATE FLOOR VERSION**

February 7, 2024

SENATE BILL NO. 1232

By: Bergstrom of the Senate

and

Kendrix of the House

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

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

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

Section 1607. A. There is hereby re-created, to continue until  
~~July 1, 2024~~ July 1, 2027, in accordance with the provisions of the  
Oklahoma Sunset Law, the Board of Examiners for Speech-Language  
Pathology and Audiology whose duty it is to administer the  
provisions of the Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Licensing  
Act. The members of the Board shall be residents of this state and  
shall be appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of  
the Senate. The Board shall be composed of five (5) members  
consisting of three licensed speech-language pathologists or

1 audiologists, provided that at least one of the three shall be a  
2 licensed speech-language pathologist and at least one, a licensed  
3 audiologist; one otolaryngologist who is certified by the American  
4 Board of Otolaryngology and one lay member.

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

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

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

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1 E. Board members shall be reimbursed for travel expenses  
2 incurred in the performance of their duties as provided in the State  
3 Travel Reimbursement Act.

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

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

9 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE RULES  
10 February 7, 2024 - DO PASS  
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