

SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGIST EDUCATIONAL LIMITED TEMPORARY LICENSE

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Senate Bill 811 (S-1) as passed by the Senate
Sponsor: Sen. Curtis VanderWall
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SUMMARY:

Senate Bill 811 would amend the Public Health Code to extend the length of time a temporary license that enables certain individuals to complete the supervised postgraduate clinical experience requirement for licensure as a speech-language pathologist is valid and to allow the temporary license to be renewed for an additional period.

Under the code, an individual seeking licensure as a speech-language pathologist must, among other requirements, complete 1,260 hours of supervised postgraduate clinical experience. If the supervised postgraduate clinical experience is not completed as part of the individual's educational experience, the code and departmental rules¹ allow an individual to apply for a temporary license to fulfill this requirement. Currently, the temporary license is valid for no longer than 12 months and cannot be renewed.

The bill would amend the Public Health Code to extend the period for which a temporary educational limited temporary license is valid, from the current maximum of 12 months to a maximum of 24 months. In addition, the bill would allow the temporary license to be renewed for three additional 12-month terms if the applicant continues to meet the code's requirements.

(To be eligible for a temporary license to complete the necessary supervised postgraduate clinical experience, an individual must possess a master's, doctor of science, or doctor of philosophy degree in speech-language pathology acceptable to the Michigan Board of Speech-Language Pathology and submit a plan for the supervised clinical experience on a board-approved form that is signed by a licensed professional who will provide the supervision. The supervised postgraduate clinical experience may be obtained on a full- or part-time basis.)

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FISCAL IMPACT:

Senate Bill 811 would have an indeterminate fiscal impact on the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs, as the impact would largely depend on the choices of individual licensees. Under the provisions of the bill, some licensees would likely choose to renew their educational limited temporary license, which currently has a lower associated fee than the standard license. Under current law, the temporary license is valid for 12 months, but the bill would increase this period to 24 months. It is unclear whether the department would increase the fee to reflect

¹ See R 338.613 and R 338.615 of the Michigan Administrative Code.

this longer period. The current fee associated with a speech-language pathologist educational limited temporary license is \$102.70 for 12 months, while the total fee for a speech-language pathologist license would be \$183.80 for 2 years. For reference, as of September 2022, there are 318 active temporary licenses.

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