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To amend sections 4753.02, 4753.05, and 4753.11 and 1  
to enact sections 4753.073 and 4753.101 of the 2  
Revised Code to establish a limited student permit 3  
category for speech language pathology interns, 4  
and to declare an emergency. 5

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:**

**Section 1.** That sections 4753.02, 4753.05, and 4753.11 be 6  
amended and sections 4753.073 and 4753.101 of the Revised Code be 7  
enacted to read as follows: 8

**Sec. 4753.02.** No person shall practice, offer to practice, or 9  
aid and abet the practice of the profession of speech-language 10  
pathology or audiology, or use in connection with ~~his~~ the person's 11  
name, or otherwise assume, use, or advertise any title or 12  
description tending to convey the impression that ~~he~~ the person is 13  
a speech-language pathologist or audiologist unless the person is 14  
licensed or permitted under this chapter. 15

Sec. 4753.05. (A) The board of speech-language pathology and 16  
audiology may make reasonable rules necessary for the 17  
administration of this chapter. The board shall adopt rules to 18  
ensure ethical standards of practice by speech-language 19  
pathologists and audiologists licensed or permitted pursuant to 20  
this chapter. All rules adopted under this chapter shall be 21  
adopted in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code. 22

(B) The board shall determine the nature and scope of 23  
examinations to be administered to applicants for licensure 24  
pursuant to this chapter in the practices of speech-language 25  
pathology and audiology, and shall evaluate the qualifications of 26  
all applicants. Written examinations may be supplemented by such 27  
practical and oral examinations as the board shall determine by 28  
rule. The board shall determine by rule the minimum examination 29  
score for licensure. Licensure shall be granted independently in 30  
speech-language pathology and audiology. The board shall maintain 31  
a current public record of all persons licensed, to be made 32  
available upon request. 33

(C) The board shall publish and make available, upon request, 34  
the licensure and permit standards prescribed by this chapter and 35  
rules adopted pursuant thereto. 36

(D) The board shall submit to the governor each year a report 37  
of all its official actions during the preceding year together 38  
with any recommendations and findings with regard to the 39  
improvement of the professions of audiology and speech-language 40  
pathology. 41

(E) The board shall investigate all alleged irregularities in 42  
the practices of speech-language pathology and audiology by 43  
persons licensed or permitted pursuant to this chapter and any 44  
violations of this chapter or rules adopted by the board. The 45  
board shall not investigate the practice of any person 46

specifically exempted from licensure under this chapter by section 47  
4753.12 of the Revised Code, as long as the person is practicing 48  
within the scope of the person's license or is carrying out 49  
responsibilities as described in division (G) or (H) of section 50  
4753.12 of the Revised Code and does not claim to be a 51  
speech-language pathologist or audiologist. 52

In conducting investigations under this division, the board 53  
may administer oaths, order the taking of depositions, issue 54  
subpoenas, and compel the attendance of witnesses and the 55  
production of books, accounts, papers, records, documents, and 56  
testimony. In any case of disobedience or neglect of any subpoena 57  
served on any person or the refusal of any witness to testify to 58  
any matter regarding which the witness may lawfully be 59  
interrogated, the court of common pleas of any county where such 60  
disobedience, neglect, or refusal occurs or any judge thereof, on 61  
application by the board, shall compel obedience by attachment 62  
proceedings for contempt, as in the case of disobedience of the 63  
requirements of a subpoena issued from such court, or a refusal to 64  
testify therein. 65

(F) The board shall conduct such hearings and keep such 66  
records and minutes as are necessary to carry out this chapter. 67

(G) The board shall adopt a seal by which it shall 68  
authenticate its proceedings. Copies of the proceedings, records, 69  
and acts signed by the chairperson or executive director and 70  
authenticated by such seal shall be prima-facie evidence thereof 71  
in all courts of this state. 72

**Sec. 4753.073.** (A)(1) The board of speech-language pathology 73  
and audiology shall issue under its seal a speech-language 74  
pathology student permit to any applicant who submits a plan that 75  
has been approved by the applicant's university graduate program 76  
in speech-language pathology and that conforms to requirements 77

determined by the board by rule and who meets all of the following 78  
requirements: 79

(a) Is enrolled in a graduate program at an educational 80  
institution located in this state that is accredited by the 81  
council on academic accreditation in audiology and speech-language 82  
pathology of the American speech-language-hearing association; 83

(b) Has completed at least one year of postgraduate training 84  
in speech-language pathology, or equivalent coursework as 85  
determined by the board, and any student clinical experience the 86  
board may require by rule; 87

(2) The speech-language pathology student permit authorizes 88  
the holder to practice speech-language pathology within limits 89  
determined by the board by rule, which shall include the 90  
following: 91

(a) The permit holder's caseload shall be limited in a manner 92  
to be determined by the board by rule. 93

(b) The permit holder's authorized scope of practice shall be 94  
limited in a manner to be determined by the board by rule. The 95  
rule shall consider the coursework and clinical experience that 96  
has been completed by the permit holder and the recommendation of 97  
the applicant's university graduate program in speech-language 98  
pathology. 99

(c) The permit holder shall practice only when under the 100  
supervision of a speech-language pathologist who is licensed by 101  
the board and acting under the approval and direction of the 102  
applicant's university graduate program in speech-language 103  
pathology. The board shall determine by rule the manner of 104  
supervision. 105

(3) A permit issued under this section shall expire two years 106  
after the date of issuance. Student permits may be renewed in a 107  
manner to be determined by the board by rule. 108

(4) Each permit holder shall display the permit or an official duplicate in a conspicuous place where the permit holder practices speech-language pathology. 109  
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Sec. 4753.101. The board of speech-language pathology and audiology, in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code, may establish rules to govern any disciplinary action to be taken against a student issued a permit under section 4753.073 of the Revised Code. The rules established by the board are not subject to the adjudication procedure requirements of sections 119.06 to 119.13 of the Revised Code. 112  
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Sec. 4753.11. (A) For all types of licenses and permits, the board of speech-language pathology and audiology shall charge a nonrefundable licensure or permit fee, to be determined by board rule, which shall be paid at the time the application is filed with the board. 119  
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(B) On or before the thirty-first day of January of every other year, the board shall charge a biennial licensure renewal fee which shall be determined by board rule and used to defray costs of the board. 124  
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(C) The board may, by rule, provide for the waiver of all or part of such fees when the license is issued less than one hundred days before the date on which it will expire. 128  
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(D) After the last day of the month designated by the board for renewal, the board shall charge a late fee to be determined by board rule in addition to the biennial licensure renewal fee. 131  
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(E) No municipal corporation shall levy an occupational or similar excise tax on any person licensed under this chapter. 134  
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(F) All fees collected under this section and section 4753.09 of the Revised Code shall be paid into the state treasury to the credit of the occupational licensing and regulatory fund. 136  
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**Section 2.** That existing sections 4753.02, 4753.05, and 139  
4753.11 of the Revised Code are hereby repealed. 140

**Section 3.** This act is hereby declared to be an emergency 141  
measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public 142  
peace, health, and safety. The reason for the necessity lies in 143  
the fact that the state of Ohio is experiencing a serious shortage 144  
of licensed speech-language pathologists. Therefore, this act 145  
shall go into immediate effect. 146