

## Department of Planning and Budget 2013 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number:** HB 2031

<b>House of Origin</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Introduced	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Engrossed
<b>Second House</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enrolled

**2. Patron:** Peace, Christopher K.

**3. Committee:** Passed Both Houses

**4. Title:** Audiology and speech-language pathology; provisional license

**5. Summary:** The enrolled legislation would authorize the Board of Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology to issue a provisional license to a person seeking clinical experience to qualify for initial licensure as a speech-language pathologist or for re-entry into practice. In the promulgation of regulations for provisional licenses, the Board will establish a fee for a new license type, so the revenue generated would be expected to cover any additional costs.

**6. Budget Amendment Necessary:** No. The cost of this bill cannot be determined. A nongeneral fund appropriation can be provided administratively until such time as the costs are ascertained and Appropriation Act adjusted.

**7. Fiscal Impact Cannot Be Determined:** See Item 8

**8. Fiscal Implications:** The bill would authorize the Board of Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology to issue a provisional license to a person seeking clinical experience to qualify for initial licensure as a speech-language pathologist or for re-entry into practice. A specific dollar amount cannot be estimated for the added agency costs; however it is assumed that additional part-time staff will be utilized, as necessary, to augment existing licensure and enforcement staff. It is further assumed that the department will implement a fee structure for the provisional license applicants that will generate revenue sufficient to cover any increased costs.

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Department of Health Professions

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** No

**11. Other Comments:** None

**Date:** 2/19/13

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