

Department of Planning and Budget 2014 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB 373

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

2. Patron: Anderson, Richard L.

3. Committee: Health, Welfare and Institutions

4. Title: School speech-language pathologists; licensure

5. Summary: The proposed legislation removes the Board of Education as a licensing entity for school speech-language pathologists and leaves the Board of Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology as the only licensing entity. The bill puts mechanisms in place for the transition in licensing.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No

7. Minimal Fiscal Impact: See item 8.

8. Fiscal Implications: It is estimated that approximately 1,000 school speech-language pathologists, who currently hold endorsement by DOE, would need to be licensed by Board of Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology. With an on-line application and minimal requirements to review, the board expects to be able to handle the influx of new licensees without additional full-time staffing. There may be need for a temporary worker to assist with the initial licensing, but the existing board staff should be able to handle the on-going workload associated with applications and disciplinary cases (which are few for this profession). Therefore, the current application fee of \$70 and renewal fee of \$40 per year for school speech-language pathologist should provide sufficient revenue for any additional costs that will be incurred by the board.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:

Department of Health Profession
Department of Education

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: None.

Date: 1/15/14