

**Department of Planning and Budget
2014 Fiscal Impact Statement**

1. Bill Number: HB 764

House of Origin Introduced Substitute Engrossed
Second House In Committee Substitute Enrolled

2. Patron: Kory, Kaye

3. Committee: -

4. Title: Speech-language pathologists, assistant; regulation

5. Summary: The conference substitute bill provides for the regulation of assistant speech-language pathologists. The bill permits a practicing assistant speech-language pathologist to perform duties not otherwise restricted to the practice of a speech-language pathologist under the supervision of a licensed speech-language pathologist.

In addition, the board must report its actions regarding assistant speech-language pathologists to the Chairmen of the House Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions and the Senate Committee on Education and Health.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No

7. Fiscal Impact is Indeterminate: See item 8

8. Fiscal Implications: Although the regulation of assistant speech-language pathologists will have some fiscal impact on the Board of Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology, a specific amount cannot be determined as there is insufficient data as to the number of persons who would apply for such registration. It is assumed that the board's licensing costs would increase; however, based on this board's disciplinary experience, no significant increase enforcement activity is expected. The fee structure for professions regulated by the Department of Health Professions (DHP) is established as to offset the anticipated costs of their board. Therefore, it is assumed that the Board of Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology would establish a fee for the regulation of assistant speech-language pathologists sufficient to cover the costs outlined above. Once the fee structure is established the necessary appropriation can be provided. The reporting requirement is not expected to have any significant cost associated with it.

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

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: None.

Date: 3/12/14