

Department of Planning and Budget

2023 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB2033

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

2. Patron: Sewell

3. Committee: Passed both Houses.

4. Title: Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Interstate Compact.

5. Summary: Authorizes Virginia to become a signatory to the Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Interstate Compact. The Compact increases public access to audiology and speech-language pathology services by providing for the mutual recognition of other member state licenses for such services. The Compact has been enacted in 23 states and the Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Compact Commission is currently preparing rules and bylaws in order for the member states to be fully integrated in the Compact's data system.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Indeterminate, see item 8.

8. Fiscal Implications: The Virginia Board of Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology would incur costs for participation in Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact, however, there is insufficient information available to determine the impact. The agency indicates that there will be costs incurred for membership and possibly for travel by staff and board members. Additionally, there may be some loss of revenue as licensed audiologists and speech-language pathologists from other states who would currently need a license to practice audiology and speech-language pathology in Virginia would be recognized as licensed practitioners in the compact. According to the Department of Health Professions, the Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Interstate Compact has not provided its fee structure to member states and therefore any fiscal impact cannot be determined at this time for participation in the compact.

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

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.