

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 60th Legislature (2025)

3 SENATE BILL 1042

By: Daniels

6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to the practices of speech-language  
8 pathology and audiology; amending 59 O.S. 2021,  
9 Section 1607, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 26,  
10 O.S.L. 2024 (59 O.S. Supp. 2024, Section 1607), which  
11 relates to the Board of Examiners for Speech-Language  
Pathology and Audiology; removing certain limitation  
on appointees; permitting the Governor to consider  
certain recommendations; and providing an effective  
date.

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14 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

15 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2021, Section 1607, as  
16 amended by Section 1, Chapter 26, O.S.L. 2024 (59 O.S. Supp. 2024,  
17 Section 1607), is amended to read as follows:

18 Section 1607. A. There is hereby re-created, to continue until  
19 July 1, 2027, in accordance with the provisions of the Oklahoma  
20 Sunset Law, the Board of Examiners for Speech-Language Pathology and  
21 Audiology whose duty it is to administer the provisions of the  
22 Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Licensing Act. The members  
23 of the Board shall be residents of this state and shall be appointed  
24 by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate. The

1 Board shall be composed of five (5) members consisting of three  
2 licensed speech-language pathologists or audiologists, provided that  
3 at least one of the three shall be a licensed speech-language  
4 pathologist and at least one, a licensed audiologist; one  
5 otolaryngologist who is certified by the American Board of  
6 Otolaryngology and one lay member.

7       B. The members of the original Board shall serve the following  
8 terms: one member for one (1) year, two members for two (2) years,  
9 and two members for three (3) years. Thereafter, at the expiration  
10 of the term, or termination of the member's service for any reason,  
11 the Governor shall appoint each successor for a term of three (3)  
12 years, or for the remainder of an unexpired term. ~~The successor for~~  
13 ~~any of the three speech-language pathologists or audiologists will~~  
14 ~~be selected from a list of five licensed speech-language~~  
15 ~~pathologists or audiologists, furnished by the Oklahoma Speech-~~  
16 ~~Language Hearing Association~~ In selecting appointees, the Governor  
17 may consider recommendations from a statewide organization  
18 representing speech-language pathologists or audiologists, a state  
19 chapter of a national organization representing speech-language  
20 pathologists or audiologists, or other groups or individuals in this  
21 state. The re-creation of the Board shall not affect the staggered  
22 terms of office for Board members established with the original  
23 Board.

1       C. Before entering upon the duties of the member's office, each  
2 member of the Board shall take the constitutional oath of office and  
3 file it with the Secretary of State.

4       D. Board members may be reappointed to serve one additional  
5 three-year term. Three (3) years after the termination of a  
6 previous appointment to the Board, a member may be reappointed for  
7 one additional three-year term.

8       E. Board members shall be reimbursed for travel expenses  
9 incurred in the performance of their duties as provided in the State  
10 Travel Reimbursement Act.

11      SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2025.

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