

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

HB 339 – SB 1211

April 5, 2019

**SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL:** Increases, from \$500 to \$1,000, the maximum civil penalty that may be imposed each day that a person performs any activity or operation requiring a certificate of need without first having obtained the certificate of need.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

**SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (007568):** Deletes all language after the enacting clause. Creates a Speech Language Pathologist Provisional License. Authorizes an individual who has completed the educational requirements for licensure as a Speech Language Pathologist and has received at least a master's degree from an approved educational institution to apply for and receive a provisional license to practice as a Clinical Fellow while completing the required supervised clinical experience. Requires the Board of Communications Disorders and Sciences (BCDS) to adopt rules to establish standards and procedures to govern provisional licenses and the provisional license fee.

**FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:**

**Increase State Revenue – \$3,000/Board of Communication  
Disorders and Sciences**

**Increase State Expenditures – Less than \$3,000/Board of Communication  
Disorders and Sciences**

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- Pursuant to the BCDS rule 1370-01-.04(1)(c)(2)(i)-(ii), an applicant for licensure as a Speech Language Pathologist or Audiologist is required to have completed a minimum of 400 clock hours of supervised clinical practice with individuals having a variety of communications disorders and a Clinical Fellowship in the area of Speech Language Pathology.

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- Pursuant to the BCDS rule 1370-01-.10(2)(b), an applicant for registration as a Clinical Fellow is required to have successfully completed a minimum of 400 clock hours of supervised clinical experience with individuals having a variety of communications disorders.
- Passage of the proposed legislation will authorize an applicant for licensure as a Speech Language Pathologist or Audiologist to concurrently complete the required 400 hours of supervised clinical experience and the required Clinical Fellowship.
- Based on information provided by the Department of Health (DOH), an estimated 150 applicants will apply for and receive a provisional license each year.
- The fee for a provisional license is unknown, but is assumed to be \$20.
- The total recurring increase in state revenue to the BCDS is estimated to be \$3,000 (150 applicants x \$20).
- The recurring increase in state expenditures associated with the new provisional license is estimated to be less than \$3,000
- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 4-29-121, all health related boards are required to be self-supporting over a two-year period. The Board of Communication Disorders and Sciences had an annual surplus of \$72,277 in FY16-17, an annual surplus of \$68,503 in FY17-18, and a cumulative reserve balance of \$412,234 on June 30, 2018.

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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