

1 H.612

2 Introduced by Representative Shaw of Pittsford

3 Referred to Committee on

4 Date:

5 Subject: Professions and occupations; speech-language pathologists and

6 audiologists; Office of Professional Regulation; Agency of Education

7 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to completely

8 transfer from the Agency of Education to the Office of Professional Regulation

9 the licensure of speech-language pathologists and audiologists.

10 An act relating to the licensure of speech-language pathologists and  
11 audiologists

12 It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

13 Sec. 1. 16 V.S.A. § 1694 is amended to read:

14 § 1694. POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE STANDARDS BOARD FOR

15 PROFESSIONAL EDUCATORS

16 In addition to any other powers and duties prescribed by law or incidental or  
17 necessary to the exercise of such lawful powers and duties, the Standards

18 Board shall:

19 (1) Adopt rules pursuant to 3 V.S.A. chapter 25 with respect to the

20 licensing of teachers and administrators, ~~and of~~ which shall include, in regard

1 to speech-language pathologists and audiologists as provided in 26 V.S.A.  
2 chapter 87 licensed by the Office of Professional Regulation who are employed  
3 by a public school district or supervisory union to provide services within the  
4 scope of practice of that professional licensure, the requirements that such a  
5 speech-language pathologist or audiologist:

6 (A) be considered to be a licensed teacher without having to obtain  
7 any other endorsement for such licensure; and

8 (B) not be required to pay any fee for licensure that is in addition to  
9 that which is required by the Office of Professional Regulation.

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11 Sec. 2. 2015 Acts and Resolves No. 38, Sec. 35 is amended to read:

12 Sec. 35. TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS; AUDIOLOGISTS

13 (a)(1) As of September 1, 2015, any audiologist currently licensed and in  
14 good standing with the Agency of Education shall be deemed licensed by the  
15 Secretary of State's Office of Professional Regulation.

16 (2) The Office of Professional Regulation shall reissue initial licenses at  
17 no charge after that date and shall establish a single expiration and renewal  
18 date for all of these licensees.

19 (b) An audiologist employed in a school and holding an endorsement from  
20 the Agency of Education shall not be required to retain that endorsement ~~and~~

1 shall or renew it with the Agency as ~~required by law, in addition to licensure~~  
2 ~~with the Office of Professional Regulation.~~

3 Sec. 3. 2015 Acts and Resolves No. 38, Sec. 41 is amended to read:

4 Sec. 41. TRANSITIONAL PROVISION

5 (a)(1) As of September 1, 2015, any speech-language pathologist licensed  
6 and in good standing with the Agency of Education shall be deemed licensed  
7 by the Secretary of State's Office of Professional Regulation.

8 (2) The Office of Professional Regulation shall re-issue initial licenses  
9 ~~speech-language pathologist licenses~~ at no charge after that date and shall  
10 establish a single expiration and renewal date for all of those licensees.

11 (b) A speech-language pathologist employed in a school and holding an  
12 endorsement from the Agency of Education shall not be required to retain that  
13 endorsement ~~and shall~~ or renew it with the Agency as ~~required by law, in~~  
14 ~~addition to licensure with the Office of Professional Regulation.~~

15 Sec. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE

16 This act shall take effect on passage.