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1	TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:
2	The Committee on Health Care to which was referred House Bill No. 86
3	entitled "An act relating to Vermont's adoption of the Audiology and Speech-
4	Language Pathology Interstate Compact" respectfully reports that it has
5	considered the same and recommends that the bill be amended as follows:
6	First: After Sec. 3, 26 V.S.A. chapter 67, subchapter 5, by adding a new
7	Sec. 4 to read as follows:
8	Sec. 4. 3 V.S.A. 123(j)(1) is amended to read:
9	(j)(1) The Office may inquire into the criminal background histories of
10	applicants for initial licensure and for license renewal of any Office-issued
11	credential, including a license, certification, registration, or specialty
12	designation for the following professions:
13	(A) licensed nursing assistants, licensed practical nurses, registered
14	nurses, and advanced practice registered nurses licensed under 26 V.S.A.
15	chapter 28;
16	(B) private investigators, security guards, and other persons licensed
17	under 26 V.S.A. chapter 59;
18	(C) real estate appraisers and other persons or business entities
19	licensed under 26 V.S.A. chapter 69; and
20	(D) osteopathic physicians licensed under 26 V.S.A. chapter 33;
21	(E) audiologists licensed under 26 V.S.A. chapter 67; and

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1	(F) speech-language pathologists licensed under 26 V.S.A. chapter
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3	and by renumbering the remaining section to be numerically correct.
4	Second: After Sec. 4, 3 V.S.A. § 123(j)(1), by adding a new Sec. 5 to read
5	as follows:
6	Sec. 5. 26 V.S.A. § 3290 is amended as follows:
7	§ 3290. ELIGIBILITY FOR AUDIOLOGIST LICENSE
8	To be eligible for licensure as an audiologist, an applicant shall have:
9	(1) <u>Either:</u>
10	(A) A <u>a</u> master's degree or equivalent in audiology or speech-
11	language pathology from an educational institution approved by the Director,
12	with course work completed in areas specified by rule; or
13	(B) a doctoral degree in audiology, or an equivalent doctoral degree
14	regardless of name, from a program that is accredited by an accrediting agency
15	recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation, or its
16	successor, or by the United States Department of Education and operated by a
17	college or university accredited by a regional or national accrediting
18	organization.
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20	and by renumbering the remaining section to be numerically correct.

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1	Third: By striking out the newly renumbered Sec. 6, effective date, in its
2	entirety and inserting in lieu thereof a new Sec. 6 to read as follows:
3	Sec. 6. EFFECTIVE DATES
4	This section, Sec. 4 (3 V.S.A. § 123(j)(1)), and Sec. 5 (26 V.S.A. § 3290)
5	shall take effect on July 1, 2023. Secs. 1–3 (audiologists and speech-language
6	pathologists compact) shall take effect on July 1, 2024.
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14	(Committee vote:)
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17	FOR THE COMMITTEE