

Senate Bill 287

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SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Deletes provision that authorizes teachers who are licensed and properly endorsed by Teacher Standards and Practices Commission to practice speech-language pathology without obtaining license from State Board of Examiners for Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology.

Becomes operative July 1, 2016.

Creates grandfather clause for teachers who are licensed and properly endorsed before July 1, 2016.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to persons who may practice speech-language pathology without a license; creating new
3 provisions; and amending ORS 681.230.

4 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

5 **SECTION 1.** ORS 681.230 is amended to read:

6 681.230. (1) Without obtaining a license under this chapter, a person may use *[any]* a procedure
7 included in the practice of speech-language pathology or audiology if the procedure is within the
8 **person's** scope of practice *[of the person]* and the person is:

9 (a) Licensed by a health professional regulatory board as defined in ORS 676.160;

10 (b) Performing basic audiometric testing under the supervision of a physician licensed under
11 ORS chapter 677 and representing that the person is a medical assistant or audiology assistant;

12 (c) A teacher **who is** licensed by the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission and
13 *[holding]* **who holds** a hearing impaired endorsement **issued by the commission**; *[or]*

14 (d) A student participating in supervised field work or supervised course work in speech-
15 language pathology or audiology as part of a college or university program approved by the State
16 Board of Examiners for Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology; or

17 **(e) A student taking** an undergraduate course in speech-language pathology approved by the
18 board.

19 (2) A person practicing speech-language pathology or audiology without a license under sub-
20 section (1) of this section may not represent or imply that the person is a speech-language
21 pathologist, speech-language pathology assistant or audiologist.

22 (3) A person practicing speech-language pathology or audiology without a license under sub-
23 section (1)(d) **or (e)** of this section:

24 (a) Must use a title that indicates that the person is a student trainee.

25 (b) May not be paid for speech-language pathology or audiology services provided by the person,
26 except that the person may be provided a reasonable educational stipend.

27 *[(4) Without obtaining a license under this chapter, a teacher licensed by the Teacher Standards*

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter *[italic and bracketed]* is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 *and Practices Commission and holding a communications disorders or speech impaired endorsement*
2 *issued by the commission may practice speech-language pathology if the person:]*

3 *[(a) Practices speech-language pathology solely in the course and scope of the person's duties as*
4 *an employee of an education service district, a school district or a charter school; and]*

5 *[(b) Complies with ORS 681.360 to 681.375 and rules adopted under ORS 681.360 to 681.375 when*
6 *supervising speech-language pathology assistants.]*

7 [(5)] (4) Without obtaining a license under this chapter, a person may:

8 (a) Consult with or disseminate the person's research findings and scientific information to **an**
9 accredited academic [*institutions*] **institution** or a governmental [*agencies*] **agency**; and

10 (b) Offer lectures to the public for a fee, monetary or otherwise.

11 **SECTION 2. The amendments to ORS 681.230 by section 1 of this 2015 Act become oper-**
12 **ative on July 1, 2016.**

13 **SECTION 3. Notwithstanding the amendments to ORS 681.230 by section 1 of this 2015**
14 **Act, a teacher who is licensed by the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission and who**
15 **holds a communications disorders or speech impaired endorsement issued by the commission**
16 **may continue to practice speech-language pathology on and after July 1, 2016, without ob-**
17 **taining a license under ORS chapter 681 if the person:**

18 (1) Was licensed and endorsed by the commission before July 1, 2016;

19 (2) Practices speech-language pathology solely in the course and scope of the person's
20 duties as an employee of an education service district, a school district or a charter school;
21 **and**

22 (3) Complies with ORS 681.360 to 681.375 and rules adopted under ORS 681.360 to 681.375
23 when supervising speech-language pathology assistants.

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