



GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF  
BUDGET AND PROGRAM PLANNING

## Fiscal Note 2023 Biennium

**Bill #** HB0210

**Title:** Provide for licensure of speech-language pathology and audiology assistants

**Primary Sponsor:** Funk, Moffie

**Status:** As Introduced

- Significant Local Gov Impact     
  Needs to be included in HB 2     
  Technical Concerns  
 Included in the Executive Budget     
  Significant Long-Term Impacts     
  Dedicated Revenue Form Attached

### FISCAL SUMMARY

	<u>FY 2022 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2023 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2024 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2025 Difference</u>
<b>Expenditures:</b>				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
State Special Revenue	\$24,971	\$14,562	\$14,562	\$14,562
<b>Revenue:</b>				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
State Special Revenue	\$24,971	\$14,562	\$14,562	\$14,562
<b>Net Impact-General Fund Balance:</b>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

**Description of fiscal impact:** HB 210 provides licensure for speech language pathology and audiology assistants. The fiscal impact of the bill is due to the cost of rulemaking to provide for two new license types, including application, licensure renewal, tracking of supervision in the clinical setting, disciplinary guidelines, the cost of programming and development necessary to add two new license types to the board licensing database, costs to update the board's website and forms, including online renewal capability and online licensee lookup, and the additional personal services necessary to conduct licensing and regulatory work on behalf of the board.

### FISCAL ANALYSIS

#### Assumptions:

#### **Department of Labor and Industry**

1. The board will need to draft rules to implement this legislation. Based on the board's current rules, it is estimated there will be a minimum of 20 pages of rule changes, and a five-page adoption notice, with a cost to the board from the Secretary of State of \$1,500, for printing and publication of the notice and adoption.

2. The board will hold a public hearing for a maximum of two hours to take comments from the public on the proposed rules with a hearing officer and court reporter to record comments and provide a transcript. Estimated cost is \$449.
3. The board currently keeps an interested parties list and all participants are contacted by email. The board will notify interested parties of the rule notice via email, and direct them to the board website for information on the hearing and how to provide comment.
4. The board will utilize additional legal services to draft the notice, assist in responding to comments, and prepare the adoption notice to add these two new licensing types. Estimated cost to the board for additional time for board counsel and the legal unit rule reviewer is \$7,760.
5. The addition of two new license types will result in increased workload for licensing, board, and compliance staff. It is estimated the new license types will result in a current addition of 125 new licensees with more added annually via educational programs. The need for an additional 0.25 FTE Licensing Technician would cost \$700 for office set up, \$13,390 in salary and benefits, and operating expenses to include a current CAP rate of \$1,172 for a total of \$15,262. Personal service costs would likely begin later in the first year of the biennium once rulemaking has been completed. Costs in subsequent years would be \$14,562.
6. The new license types will need to be set up in the board licensing database, including application record, renewal and compliance record, and any other requirements indicated in rules. The board will update forms, the board website, and the licensee lookup feature for public access and will need to have the new license data and information added. The Technology Services Division of DLI (TSD), estimates it will spend 300 hours to design, develop, program, script, and test in order to set up these two new license types. The division will bill the board directly, total cost estimated at \$25,200. Work will be completed by existing staff and contractors using existing department appropriation. This assumption is not included in the tables.
7. License fee amounts cannot be determined at this time but will be set commensurate with costs.

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<b><u>Fiscal Impact:</u></b>				
FTE	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25
<b><u>Expenditures:</u></b>				
Personal Services	\$13,390	\$13,390	\$13,390	\$13,390
Operating Expenses	\$11,581	\$1,172	\$1,172	\$1,172
<b>TOTAL Expenditures</b>	<b>\$24,971</b>	<b>\$14,562</b>	<b>\$14,562</b>	<b>\$14,562</b>
<b><u>Funding of Expenditures:</u></b>				
General Fund (01)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
State Special Revenue (02)	\$24,971	\$14,562	\$14,562	\$14,562
<b>TOTAL Funding of Exp.</b>	<b>\$24,971</b>	<b>\$14,562</b>	<b>\$14,562</b>	<b>\$14,562</b>
<b><u>Revenues:</u></b>				
General Fund (01)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
State Special Revenue (02)	\$24,971	\$14,562	\$14,562	\$14,562
<b>TOTAL Revenues</b>	<b>\$24,971</b>	<b>\$14,562</b>	<b>\$14,562</b>	<b>\$14,562</b>
<b><u>Net Impact to Fund Balance (Revenue minus Funding of Expenditures):</u></b>				
General Fund (01)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
State Special Revenue (02)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

**NOT SIGNED BY SPONSOR**

Sponsor's Initials

1/27/21  
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Budget Director's Initials

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Date