

1 **SENATE FLOOR VERSION**

2 April 5, 2021

3 ENGROSSED HOUSE
4 BILL NO. 1076

By: Gann and Crosswhite Hader
of the House

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9 An Act relating to sunset; amending 59 O.S. 2011,
10 Section 1607, as last amended by Section 1, Chapter
11 463, O.S.L. 2019 (59 O.S. Supp. 2020, Section 1607),
12 which relates to the Board of Examiners for Speech-
13 Language Pathology and Audiology; re-creating the
14 Board; and modifying termination date.

15 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

16 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2011, Section 1607, as
17 last amended by Section 1, Chapter 463, O.S.L. 2019 (59 O.S. Supp.
18 2020, Section 1607), is amended to read as follows:

19 Section 1607. A. There is hereby re-created, to continue until
20 July 1, ~~2021~~ 2024, in accordance with the provisions of the Oklahoma
21 Sunset Law, the Board of Examiners for Speech-Language Pathology and
22 Audiology whose duty it is to administer the provisions of the
23 Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Licensing Act. The members
24 of the Board shall be residents of this state and shall be appointed
by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate. The

1 Board shall be composed of five (5) members consisting of three
2 licensed speech-language pathologists or audiologists, provided that
3 at least one of the three shall be a licensed speech-language
4 pathologist and at least one a licensed audiologist; one
5 otolaryngologist who is certified by the American Board of
6 Otolaryngology and one lay member.

7 B. The members of the original Board shall serve the following
8 terms: one member for one (1) year, two members for two (2) years,
9 and two members for three (3) years. Thereafter, at the expiration
10 of the term, or termination of the member's service for any reason,
11 the Governor shall appoint each successor for a term of three (3)
12 years, or for the remainder of an unexpired term. The successor for
13 any of the three speech-language pathologists or audiologists will
14 be selected from a list of five licensed speech-language
15 pathologists or audiologists, furnished by the Oklahoma Speech-
16 Language-Hearing Association. The re-creation of the Board shall
17 not affect the staggered terms of office for Board members
18 established with the original Board.

19 C. Before entering upon the duties of the member's office, each
20 member of the Board shall take the Constitutional oath of office and
21 file it with the Secretary of State.

22 D. Board members may be reappointed to serve one additional
23 three-year term. Three (3) years after the termination of a
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1 previous appointment to the Board, a member may be reappointed for
2 one additional three-year term.

3 E. Board members shall be reimbursed for travel expenses
4 incurred in the performance of their duties as provided in the State
5 Travel Reimbursement Act.

6 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
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