Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

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BILL: **S.B. 143** DATE: **May 21, 2007**

STATUS: **As Passed by the Senate** SPONSOR: **Sen. Padgett**

LOCAL IMPACT STATEMENT REQUIRED: **No — No local cost**

CONTENTS: **Establishes a limited student permit category for speech-language pathology interns**

State Fiscal Highlights

STATE FUND	FY 2007	FY 2008	FUTURE YEARS
Fund 4K9 (Occupational Licensing Fund)			
Revenues	- 0 -	Potential gain of up to $2,500	Potential gain of up to $2,500
Expenditures	- 0 -	Potential minimal increase	Potential minimal increase

Note: The state fiscal year is July 1 through June 30. For example, FY 2007 is July 1, 2006 – June 30, 2007.

- Potential gain of up to $2,500 in revenue as a result of the new fee associated with creating a student permit category for speech-language pathology interns. The fee is expected to be $50 or less and the number of new permits is estimated to be less than 50.
- Potential minimal annual increase in administrative costs for the Board of Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology.

Local Fiscal Highlights

- No direct fiscal effect on political subdivisions.

Detailed Fiscal Analysis

The bill requires the Board of Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology to issue a two-year, renewable speech-language pathology student permit. This permit authorizes graduate students in speech-language pathology programs to practice speech-language pathology on a limited basis. To receive the permit, an applicant must meet the following conditions:

(1) Be enrolled in a graduate program at an Ohio institution of higher education that is accredited by the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association's Council on Academic Accreditation in Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology;

(2) Have completed at least one year of postgraduate training in speech-language pathology, or equivalent coursework as determined by the Board, and any student clinical experience required by Board rules;

(3) Have submitted a plan approved by the applicant's graduate program that satisfies Board rules for the plans; and

(4) Payment of the permit fee.

A permit holder may practice speech-language pathology only under the supervision of a fully licensed speech-language pathologist acting under the approval and direction of the permit holder's graduate program. The Board must adopt rules governing the manner of this supervision. The Board also must adopt rules establishing limits on permit holders, including limits on caseloads and scope of practice. In limiting a permit holder's scope of practice, the Board must consider the coursework and clinical experience completed by the person and the graduate program's recommendation. Finally, the permit holder must display the permit in a conspicuous place wherever the person practices speech-language pathology.

The fee for the permit has yet to be established, but is estimated to be a one-time charge of $50 or less. Currently, initial Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology licenses are $200 and license renewals are $100. The Board of Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology estimates there will be no more than 50 participants in the student permit category each year. As a result, estimated revenues are expected to total no more than $2,500. The Board may also experience a minimal annual increase in administrative costs associated with issuing the permits.

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