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House Bill 4101 (Substitute H-2 as reported without amendment)

Sponsor: Representative Curtis VanderWall

House Committee: Health Policy

Senate Committee: Health Policy

CONTENT

The bill would amend Part 176 (Speech-Language Pathology) of the Public Health Code to extend, from 12 months to 24 months, the maximum time for which a temporary license for the purpose of completing a supervised postgraduate clinical experience in the practice of speech-language pathology was valid. In addition, the bill would provide a method for renewing this temporary license for an additional 12-month term.

MCL 333.17609

BRIEF RATIONALE

Currently, an individual who is issued a temporary license for speech language pathology must complete 1,260 hours of clinical work within the one year the license is valid. This short time frame makes it difficult for some people to hold part-time jobs or overcome other obstacles while completing clinical hours, potentially putting financial strain on those individuals and their families. Some people believe that extending the length of the temporary license for speech language pathology would make completion of the required 1,260 hours of clinical work more achievable.

PREVIOUS LEGISLATION

(This section does not provide a comprehensive account of previous legislative efforts on this subject matter.)

The bill is a reintroduction of Senate Bill 811 from the 2021-2022 Legislative Session. Senate Bill 811 passed the Senate and was reported from the House Committee on Health Policy but received no further action.

Legislative Analyst: Alex Krabill

FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have a minor negative fiscal impact on the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs and no fiscal impact on local units of government. As of February 2022, there were 228 temporary speech pathology education limited licensees. The license application fee is \$187.40 for a 12-month license. Extending the license validity period to 24 months likely would result in revenue losses of approximately \$43,000 for a one-year period; however, the actual revenue loss would depend on the exact renewal date of each licensee and the number of individuals pursuing temporary licensees in each period. The ability of a licensee to renew a temporary license for up to three additional one-year terms would increase revenue if the applicant pursuing the renewals otherwise would have dropped out of the licensure pool.

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