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House Bill 4101 (Substitute H-2 as passed by the House)
Sponsor: Representative Curtis VanderWall
House Committee: Health Policy
Senate Committee: Health Policy

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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 period 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.

Part 176 generally provides for the licensure of speech-language pathologists. An individual may apply for a temporary license for the purpose of completing a supervised postgraduate clinical experience. The Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA) must issue a temporary license for a period of up to 12 months. To be eligible for a temporary license, an applicant must meet certain degree requirements and submit a plan for a supervised postgraduate clinical experience.

The bill would extend, from 12 months to 24 months, the maximum time period for which a temporary license was valid. Additionally, a temporary license could be renewed for an additional 12-month term if the applicant continued to meet the Code's requirements after the initial 24-month term.

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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 LARA and no fiscal impact on local units of government. As of February 2024, there were 300 temporary speech pathology education limited licensees. The license application fee is \$22 for a 12-month license. Extending the license validity period to 24 months likely would result in revenue losses of approximately \$6,600 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 time 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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