

REGULATORY IMPACT ANALYSIS AND TIERING STATEMENT

Regulation No. 201 KAR 17:012

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(1) Provide a brief summary of:

(a) What this administrative regulation does: This regulation establishes requirements for licensure as a speech language pathologist

(b) The necessity of this administrative regulation: This regulation is necessary to implement the provisions of KRS 334A.030.

(c) How this administrative regulation conforms to the content of the authorizing statutes: The regulation is in conformity as the authorizing statute gives the board the ability to promulgate regulations generally.

(d) How this administrative regulation currently assists or will assist in the effective administration of the statutes: This regulation will assist the board in administering this program by identifying the requirements for licensure as a speech language pathologist.

(2) If this is an amendment to an existing administrative regulation, provide a brief summary of:

(a) How the amendment will change this existing administrative regulation: The amendment retitles the administrative regulation to identify all included regulatory topics; incorporates the requirement that all applicants for licensure by the board obtain a national and state criminal background investigation from the KSP and FBI pursuant to KRS 334A.055; reorganizes provisions to clarify application requirements; strikes legal requirements that duplicate the statutes; authorizes the applicant to submit their ASHA certification number as proof of successful completion of the postgraduate professional experience; updates the application for licensure to meet new requirements and ADA compliance, and incorporates necessary forms by reference.

(b) The necessity of the amendment to this administrative regulation: The amendment to this administrative regulation is necessary to clarify application requirements, to comply with KRS 334A.055 and KRS 334A.188, the Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Interstate Compact, relating to criminal background investigations, to update existing MIR for ADA compliance and to incorporate necessary forms not previously incorporated by reference.

(c) How the amendment conforms to the content of the authorizing statutes: The amendment to this administrative regulation is in conformity with the authorizing statute that gives the board the ability to promulgate regulations generally regarding licensure requirements.

(d) How the amendment will assist in the effective administration of the statutes: The amendment to this administrative regulation will assist the board in administering this program and the efficient collection of necessary information submitted by the licensee, and properly incorporate material referenced.

(3) Does this administrative regulation or amendment implement legislation from the previous five years? Yes, 2026 Ky. Acts ch. 6, Section 3.

(4) List the type and number of individuals, businesses, organizations, or state and local governments affected by this administrative regulation: This regulation will not affect the 4179 active and 85 inactive existing speech-language pathologist licensees, but will affect new applicants for licensure.

(5) Provide an analysis of how the entities identified in question (4) will be impacted by either the implementation of this administrative regulation, if new, or by the change, if it is an amendment, including:

(a) List the actions that each of the regulated entities identified in question (4) will have to take to comply with this administrative regulation or amendment: An applicant for licensure must have a criminal background investigation report by means of a fingerprint check by the KSP and FBI submitted directly to the Board and pay the required fee directly to the KSP and FBI.

(b) In complying with this administrative regulation or amendment, how much will it cost each of the entities identified in question (4): Applicants for licensure will have no new fees for application to the board, but will have to pay additional fees for a criminal background investigation. The board understands the fees to be as follows: \$20.00 for the KSP; \$18.00 for the FBI, and fingerprinting services to complete the request of \$10.00 for some local law enforcement agencies who provide the service, or \$20.00 for a private vendor like IdentiGO. The total cost is anticipated to be between \$48.00 and \$58.00.

(c) As a result of compliance, what benefits will accrue to the entities identified in question (4): Kentucky will be in compliance with the requirements of KRS 334A.188 and the Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Interstate Compact, thus allowing Kentucky to advance towards its participation in the Compact allowing certain Kentucky credential holders to obtain the privilege to practice in Member States and give Member State credential holders the ability to obtain the privilege to practice in Kentucky. This will provide Kentucky citizens in need of speech language pathology and audiology services with a larger pool of service providers, which increases accessibility to care in rural areas, and thus promotes public safety. Additionally, the amendments will clarify licensure requirements and identify the necessary forms.

(6) Provide an estimate of how much it will cost the administrative body to implement this administrative regulation:

(a) Initially: No new costs are anticipated to implement this administrative regulation.

(b) On a continuing basis: No new costs are anticipated on a continuing basis.

(7) What is the source of the funding to be used for the implementation and enforcement of this administrative regulation: The board's operations are funded by fees paid by credential holders and applicant.

(8) Provide an assessment of whether an increase in fees or funding will be necessary to implement this administrative regulation, if new, or by the change if it is an amendment: No increase in fees or funding will be required for the Board to implement this administrative regulation

(9) State whether or not this administrative regulation establishes any fees or directly or indirectly increases any fees: The amendment to this administrative regulation does not establish fees paid to the board directly. Indirectly, this administrative regulation increases fees paid by applicants, however, payment will be to the Kentucky State Police and Federal Bureau of Investigation for criminal background investigation reports submitted directly to the board.

(10) TIERING: Is tiering applied? (Explain why or why not) Tiering is not applied to this regulation as it applies to all applicant license types.