

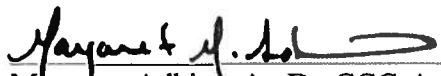
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STATEMENT OF EMERGENCY

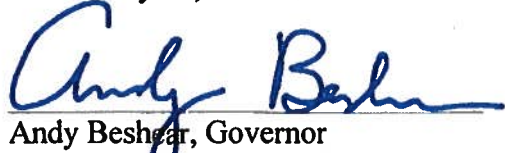
201 KAR 17:014E

Pursuant to KRS 13A.190(1)(a)2., KRS 334A.055, and KRS 334A.188 SECTION 3.B.1, this emergency amendment to the administrative regulation is being promulgated to comply with the adoption of 2026 HB 657 which requires the Board of Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology (the "Board") to require a national and state criminal background investigation for every applicant seeking an initial license issued by the Board to engage in the practice of speech-language pathology and audiology, and applicants seeking to reinstate a license. The criminal background investigation shall be by means of a fingerprint check by the Department of Kentucky State Police and Federal Bureau of Investigation. The effective date of KRS 334A.055 requires that this emergency amendment be promulgated to ensure there is no delay in processing applications upon the effective date of the Act.

As a result, this emergency amendment to the administrative regulation—and the identical amendment to the ordinary regulation being concomitantly filed—have been amended to align with this statutory change to offset the potential delay in processing licensure applications—whereby the Board would be unable to process applications and collect fees in accordance with the terms of the statute—and therefore "[p]revent an imminent loss of federal or state funds" pursuant to KRS 13A.190(1)(a)2. This emergency amended administrative regulation is temporary and will be replaced by an ordinary amended administrative regulation as provided by KRS 13A.190. The ordinary amendment will be filed with this emergency amendment and will be identical.



Margaret Adkins, Au.D., CCC-A, Board Chair
Kentucky Board of Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology
Dated: July 15, 2026



Andy Beshear, Governor
Commonwealth of Kentucky
Dated: July 15, 2026

1 BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

2 KENTUCKY BOARD OF SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY AND AUDIOLOGY

3 (Emergency Amendment)

4 201 KAR 17:014E. Temporary licensure for speech-language pathologist, speech-language pa-
5 thology assistant, and audiologist.

6 RELATES TO: KRS 334A.033, 334A.050, 334A.181, 334A.183, 334A.185

7 STATUTORY AUTHORITY: KRS 334A.055, 334A.080(3), 334.181(1)

8 NECESSITY, FUNCTION, AND CONFORMITY: KRS 334A.181 authorizes the board to pro-
9 vide temporary licensure by promulgating administrative regulations. KRS 334A.055 requires
10 applicants seeking an initial license to engage in a profession authorized by the board to obtain a
11 national and state criminal background investigation by the Kentucky State Police and the Feder-
12 al Bureau of Investigation. This administrative regulation provides requirements for the issuance
13 of temporary licenses.

14 Section 1. [~~Definition. "Board administrator" means the Director of the Division of Occupations~~
15 ~~and Professions.~~

16 ~~Section 2.] Application requirements[~~Requirements.~~]~~

17 (1) Upon receipt of an "Application for Licensure", DPL-SLPA-04, incorporated by reference in
18 201 KAR 17:012; or, an Application for Speech-Language Pathology Assistant, DPL-SLPA-09,
19 incorporated by reference in 201 KAR 17:034,[~~application~~] showing an[~~that~~] applicant meets the
20 requirements set forth in KRS 334A.033, 334A.050, 334A.055, 334A.183, 334A.185, and 201
21 KAR 17:012, the Board Administrator shall issue a temporary license to the applicant[,] by send-

1 ing a letter to the applicant on Board letterhead.

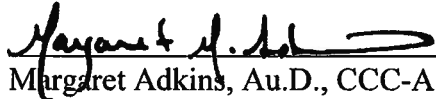
2 (2) The temporary license shall entitle the applicant to practice as a speech-language pathologist,
3 speech-language pathology assistant, or audiologist until the application[~~applicant~~] is reviewed
4 by the Kentucky Board of Speech Language Pathology and Audiology.

5 (3) A temporary license shall not be effective for more than 180 days as provided by KRS
6 334A.181(3).

7 Section 3. Unprofessional Conduct. If the application shows evidence of unprofessional conduct
8 per KRS 334A.180(1) or (4), the applicant shall not be granted temporary licensure, and the ap-
9 plication shall be held pending review by the board.

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APPROVED:

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Margaret Adkins, Au.D., CCC-A

Board Chair

Board of Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology

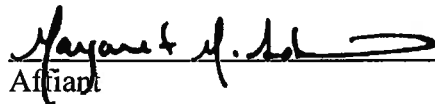
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AFFIDAVIT OF EMERGENCY STATEMENT BY BOARD CHAIR

Comes the Affiant, Margaret Adkins, Au.D., CCC-A, and after first being duly sworn, states the following:

1. I am Chair of the Kentucky Board of Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology.
2. The 2026 General Assembly enacted HB 657 requiring a criminal background investigation by means of a fingerprint check by the Department of Kentucky State Police and Federal Bureau of Investigation for all initial applicants for licensure, and applicants for reinstatement, who apply for authorization to engage in the practice of professional counseling, effective on July 15, 2026.
3. The Board of Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology considered these amendments at its May 12, 2026, special meeting and authorized the filing of the accompanying emergency amendment to the administrative regulation prior to the effective date of HB 657 to ensure there is no undue delay in processing applications for initial licensure and reinstatement.
4. Based on a finding that an emergency exists in accordance with KRS 13A.190(1)(a)2., and an imminent deadline for the promulgation of amendments to the administrative regulation required by the passage of HB 657, the attached emergency amendment is being filed to ensure there is no undue delay in processing applications for initial licensure and reinstatement.

Further the Affiant saith naught.


Affiant