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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Sanchez, C ORIGINAL DATE _____
LAST UPDATED 01/26/15 HB _____
SHORT TITLE Speech-Language Pathology Act Changes SB 200
ANALYST Cerny

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY15	FY16	FY17	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
Total		NFI	NFI	NFI		

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Regulation & Licensing Department (RLD)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 200 amends the Speech-Language Pathology, Audiology and Hearing Aid Dispensing Practices Act by clarifying the requirements for the Bilingual Multicultural Endorsement.

SB 200 also makes language of the statute consistent with changes enacted in 2013 legislation.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

SB 200 carries no appropriation and has no fiscal impact.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

The proposed changes will allow licensees to meet the requirements for the bilingual multicultural endorsement. Currently the statute requires applicants to meet requirements of three subsections of the act, Section 61-14B.13.1A(1)(A-C) NMSA 1978.

The intent of SB 200 is to require applicants to meet requirements in just one of the three subsections. This is accomplished by adding the word "or" at the end of each subsection.

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These subsections are meant to apply to either new graduates seeking licensure with the endorsement (A.); those already holding a license for speech pathology in the state seeking the endorsement (B.); and those who are applying for licensure from out-of-state (C.) to obtain the endorsement.

Therefore, these subsections clearly apply to different individuals and no one could meet the requirements of all three. SB 200 corrects this problem.

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