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**Fiscal Note**



Fiscal Note On: **SB 34** SLS 202ES 119

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Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

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<b>Subject:</b> Interstate compact	

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Provides for the Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Interstate Compact (ASLP-IC). (7/1/21) (Item #37)

Proposed law establishes the multistate Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Interstate Compact and authorizes audiologist and speech-language pathologist to obtain multistate license privileges to practice in other compact states. Proposed law provides for criminal background checks. Proposed law creates a commission (Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Compact Commission), and provides for duties and responsibilities of the commission. The commission may levy and collect an annual assessment from each member state or impose fees on other parties to cover the cost of the operations and activities of the commission and staff. The compact shall come into effect on the date on which the compact statute is enacted into law in the tenth member state.

<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>2020-21</b>	<b>2021-22</b>	<b>2022-23</b>	<b>2023-24</b>	<b>2024-25</b>	<b>5 -YEAR TOTAL</b>
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Agy. Self-Gen.	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Local Funds	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<b><u>\$0</u></b>
<b>Annual Total</b>						

<b>REVENUES</b>	<b>2020-21</b>	<b>2021-22</b>	<b>2022-23</b>	<b>2023-24</b>	<b>2024-25</b>	<b>5 -YEAR TOTAL</b>
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Agy. Self-Gen.	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Local Funds	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<b><u>\$0</u></b>
<b>Annual Total</b>						

**EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION**

Proposed law may result in an indeterminable increase in SGR expenditures of the Louisiana Board of Examiners for Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology as the interstate commission may levy and collect an annual assessment from each member state to cover administrative and operational expenses of the commission and staff. In addition, each compact state will have two delegates appointed to the compact's commission. Any travel expenses of the delegates to participate in commission business is anticipated to be nominal and reimbursed under state travel guidelines. The commission shall meet at least once during each calendar year. Furthermore, a provision of proposed law requiring speech language pathology and audiology personnel to undergo a federal fingerprint-based background check will increase expenditures in the Department of Public Safety; however, any costs incurred would be defrayed by a \$2 retainage on fees collected by DPS on the background check (see revenue explanation below).

Note: According to the ASLP interstate compact website, there are currently 5 member states at this time. The compact will become operational when ten states have enacted ASLP compact legislation.

**REVENUE EXPLANATION**

Member states may charge a fee for granting a compact privilege. In addition, proposed law will increase revenues for the statutorily dedicated Criminal Identification and Information Fund by an indeterminable amount as the result of performing federal fingerprint based background checks for EMS personnel in addition to state name-based background checks.

Senate      Dual Referral Rules  
 13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S & H}  
 13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S & H}

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 6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S}  
 6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S}

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