

**Department of Planning and Budget
2014 Fiscal Impact Statement**

1. Bill Number: HB 764

House of Origin Introduced Substitute Engrossed
Second House In Committee Substitute Enrolled

2. Patron: Kory, Kaye

3. Committee: -

4. Title: Speech-language pathologists, assistant; regulation

5. Summary: The substitute bill provides for the regulation of assistant speech-language pathologists. The bill permits a person to practice as an assistant speech-language pathologist upon satisfying all educational, training, and registration requirements prescribed in regulations promulgated by the Board of Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No

7. Fiscal Impact is Indeterminate: See item 8

8. Fiscal Implications: Although the regulation of assistant speech-language pathologists will have some fiscal impact on the Board of Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology, a specific amount cannot be determined as there is insufficient data as to the number of persons who would apply for such registration. It is assumed that the board's licensing costs would increase; however, based on this board's disciplinary experience, no significant increase enforcement activity is expected. The fee structure for professions regulated by the Department of Health Professions (DHP) is established as to offset the anticipated costs of their board. Therefore, it is assumed that the Board of Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology would establish a fee for the regulation of assistant speech-language pathologists sufficient to cover the costs outlined above. Once the fee structure is established the necessary appropriation can be provided.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Department of Health Professions

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: None.

Date: 2/24/14