
Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:

Section 1. K.S.A. 65-6501 is hereby amended to read as follows: 65-6501. As used in this act, the following words and phrases shall have the meanings respectively ascribed to them in this section:

(a) "Secretary" means the secretary of health and environment.

"Board" means the state board of healing arts.

(b) "Speech-language pathology" means the application of principles, methods and procedures related to the development and disorders of human communication. Disorders include any and all conditions, whether of organic or nonorganic origin, that impede the normal process of human communication including disorders and related disorders of speech, articulation, fluency, voice, verbal and written language, auditory comprehension, cognition/communication, and oral pharyngeal or laryngeal sensorimotor competencies, or both. Speech-language pathology does not mean diagnosis or treatment of medical conditions as defined by K.S.A. 65-2869, and amendments thereto.

(c) "Practice of speech-language pathology" means:

(1) Rendering or offering to render to individuals or groups of individuals who have or are suspected of having disorders of communication, any service in speech-language pathology including prevention, identification, evaluation, consultation, habilitation and rehabilitation;

(2) determining the need for personal augmentative communication systems, recommending such systems and providing training in utilization of such systems; and

(3) planning, directing, conducting or supervising such services.

(d) "Speech-language pathologist" means a person who engages in the practice of speech-language pathology and who meets the qualifications set forth in this act.

(e) "Audiology" means the application of principles, methods and procedures related to hearing and the disorders of hearing and to related
language and speech disorders. Disorders include any and all conditions, whether of organic or nonorganic origin, peripheral or central, that impede the normal process of human communication including, but not limited to, disorders of auditory sensitivity, acuity, function or processing. Audiology does not mean diagnosis or treatment of medical conditions as defined by K.S.A. 65-2869, and amendments thereto.

(f) "Practice of audiology" means:

(1) Rendering or offering to render to individuals or groups of individuals who have or are suspected of having disorders of hearing, any service in audiology, including prevention, identification, evaluation, consultation and habilitation or rehabilitation, (other than hearing aid or other assistive listening device dispensing);

(2) participating in hearing conservation;

(3) providing auditory training and speech reading;

(4) conducting tests of vestibular function;

(5) evaluating tinnitus; and

(6) planning, directing, conducting or supervising services.

(g) "Audiologist" means any person who engages in the practice of audiology and who meets the qualifications set forth in this act.

(h) "Speech-language pathology assistant" means an individual who meets minimum qualifications established by the secretary board which are less than those established by this act as necessary for licensing as a speech-language pathologist; does not act independently; and works under the direction and supervision of a speech-language pathologist licensed under this act.

(i) "Audiology assistant" means an individual who meets minimum qualifications established by the secretary board, which are less than those established by this act as necessary for licensing as an audiologist; does not act independently; and works under the direction and supervision of an audiologist licensed under this act.

(j) "Sponsor" means entities approved by the secretary of health and environment board to provide continuing education programs or courses on an ongoing basis under this act and in accordance with any rules and regulations promulgated by the secretary board in accordance with this act.

(k) "Council" means the speech-language pathology and audiology council established under K.S.A. 65-6502, and amendments thereto.

Sec. 2. K.S.A. 65-6502 is hereby amended to read as follows: 65-6502. (a) There is hereby established a speech-language pathology and audiology board. Such board shall be advisory to the secretary of health and environment in all matters concerning standards, rules and regulations and all matters relating to this act.

(b) The board shall be composed of five persons appointed by the secretary who have been residents of this state for at least two years.
members shall be licensed, or initially eligible for licensure, as speech-
language pathologists; one member shall be licensed, or initially eligible
for licensure, as an audiologist; one member shall be a person licensed to
practice medicine and surgery; and one member shall be a member of the
general public who is not a health care provider. The secretary may make
appointments from a list submitted by professional organizations representing speech pathologists and audiologists.

(a) There is established the speech-language pathology and
audiology council to assist the board in carrying out the provisions of
K.S.A. 65-6501 et seq., and amendments thereto. The council shall consist
of five members, all citizens and residents of the state of Kansas appointed
as follows: One member shall be a person licensed to practice medicine
and surgery appointed by the board; one member shall be the president of
the board or a person designated by the president; two members shall be
licensed speech-language pathologists appointed by the governor; and
one member shall be a licensed audiologist appointed by the governor.
On and after the effective date of this act, if a vacancy occurs on the
council, the appointing authority of the position which has become vacant
shall appoint a person of like qualifications to fill the vacant position for
the unexpired term, if any. The professional organizations representing
speech-language pathologists and audiologists in this state shall
recommend the names of licensed speech-language pathologists and
licensed audiologists to the governor in a number equal to at least twice
the positions or vacancies to be filled, and the governor may appoint
members to fill the positions or vacancies from the submitted list.

(b) Members of the council appointed by the governor on and after
the effective date of this act shall be appointed for terms of two years. The
member appointed by the board shall serve at the pleasure of the board. A
member designated by the president of the board shall serve at the
pleasure of the president.

(c) Members of the board council attending meetings of such board the council, or attending a subcommittee meeting thereof authorized by
such board the council shall be paid amounts provided in subsection (e) of
K.S.A. 75-3223, and amendments thereto.

(d) Board members shall be appointed for a term of two years and
until their successors are appointed and qualified, except that of the initial
appointments, which shall be made within 60 days after the effective date
of this act, two members first appointed, as specified by the secretary, shall
serve on the board for terms of one year and thereafter, upon expiration of
such one-year terms, successors shall be appointed in the same manner as
the original appointments. The chairperson of the board shall be elected
annually from among the members of the board. Whenever a vacancy
occurs on the board by reason other than the expiration of a term of office,
the secretary shall appoint a successor of like qualifications for the
remainder of the unexpired term. No person shall be appointed to serve
more than two successive two-year terms.
(e) Appointments to fill vacancies shall be made in the same manner
as original appointments for the unexpired portion of the term. The
secretary may terminate the appointment of any member for cause which
in the opinion of the secretary reasonably justifies such termination.
Sec. 3. K.S.A. 65-6503 is hereby amended to read as follows: 65-
6503. The secretary board shall:
(a) Issue to each person who has met the education and training
requirements listed in K.S.A. 65-6505, and amendments thereto, and such
other reasonable qualifications as may be established by rules and
regulations promulgated by the secretary board, the appropriate license as
a speech-language pathologist or audiologist;
(b) Establish by rules and regulations the methods and procedures for
examination of candidates for licensure;
(c) Appoint employees necessary to administer this act and fix their
compensation within the limits of appropriations made for that purpose;
(d) Keep a record of the board's council's proceedings and a register
of all applicants for and recipients of licenses; and
(e) Make all such reasonable rules and regulations as deemed
necessary to carry out and enforce the provisions of this act.
(f) All rules and regulations, orders and directives of the department
of health and environment concerning speech-language pathologists and
audiologists in existence on the effective date of this section shall continue
to be effective and shall be deemed to be duly adopted rules and
regulations, orders and directives of the state board of healing arts until
revised, amended, revoked or nullified pursuant to law.
(g) All records of the department of health and environment
concerning speech-language pathologists and audiologists in existence on
the effective date of this section are hereby transferred to the state board
of healing arts.
(h) Whenever a reference or designation is made to the department of
health and environment concerning speech-language pathologists or
audiologists by a contract or other document, such reference or
designation shall be deemed to apply to the state board of healing arts.
Sec. 4. K.S.A. 2011 Supp. 65-6505 is hereby amended to read as
follows: 65-6505. (a) Speech-language pathologists or audiologists shall
meet the following qualifications for licensure under this act:
(1) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (b), possession of at
least a master's degree or equivalent in speech-language pathology or
audiology from an educational institution with standards consistent with
those of the state universities of Kansas approved by the secretary board
pursuant to rules and regulations;

(2) completion of supervised clinical practicum experiences from an educational institution or its cooperating programs the content of which shall be consistent with the standards of the state universities of Kansas and delineated in the rules and regulations;

(3) except as otherwise provided in subsection (c), completion of a postgraduate professional experience pursuant to rules and regulations; and

(4) passage of an examination in speech-language pathology or audiology pursuant to rules and regulations.

(b) Any individual seeking licensure as an audiologist on or after January 1, 2012, shall possess at least a doctorate degree or equivalent in audiology from an educational institution with standards consistent with those of the state universities of Kansas approved by the secretary board pursuant to rules and regulations. Any individual who possesses at least a master's degree or equivalent in audiology prior to January 1, 2012, shall be deemed to have met the educational requirement of subsection (a)(1) for licensure as an audiologist.

(c) Any applicant who possesses an audiology clinical doctoral degree shall be exempt from the requirements in subsection (a)(3).

Sec. 5. K.S.A. 65-6506 is hereby amended to read as follows: 65-6506. (a) Any applicant for licensure shall submit an application to the secretary board upon the forms prescribed and furnished by the secretary board and shall pay appropriate fees as established by the secretary board, including examination fees if required. All licenses shall expire after two years and may be renewed by submitting an application, showing proof of completing required continuing education and paying a renewal fee to be established by rule and regulation and collected by the secretary board. The secretary board may issue a license for a period of less than two years for the purpose of administratively adjusting renewals. In such case, the licensee shall be charged a prorated renewal fee based upon current renewal fee structure.

(b) At least 30 days before the expiration of the license, the secretary board shall notify the licensee of the expiration by mail addressed to the licensee's last place of residence as noted upon the office records. If the licensee fails to submit an application and fee by the date of expiration of the license, the licensee shall be given a second notice that the license has expired and the license may only be renewed if the application, renewal fee, and late renewal fee are received by the secretary board with the 30-day period following the date of expiration and, if both fees are not received within the 30-day period, the license shall be considered to have lapsed for failure to renew and shall be reissued only after the applicant has been reinstated under subsection (c). Temporary licenses may be
renewed for one consecutive 12-month period upon payment of renewal
fee and documentation of failure to complete requirements for which the
temporary license was originally issued.
(c) A licensee who fails to renew as herein provided may be
reinstated upon payment of the renewal fee and the reinstatement fee, and
upon submitting evidence of satisfactory completion of any applicable
continuing education requirements established by the secretary board. The
secretary board shall adopt rules and regulations establishing appropriate
continuing education requirements for reinstatement of persons whose
licenses have lapsed for failure to renew.
(d) The secretary board may issue a license to a person holding a
valid license in another state if:
(1) The secretary board receives from the issuing state or states
documentation that the licensee is currently in good standing with no
violations or sanctions pending or in effect;
(2) the applicant, pursuant to rules and regulations: (A) Meets current
educational, clinical practicum, postgraduate professional experience and
examination requirements; or (B) has received a masters degree awarded
prior to January 1, 1993, with a major course of study in speech-language
pathology or audiology, or both, and a supervised clinical practicum
experience and has completed postgraduate professional experience and
passed an examination in speech-language pathology or audiology, or
both; and
(3) the applicant pays an endorsement and application fee pursuant to
rules and regulations.
(e) The secretary board may issue a temporary speech-language
pathology or audiology license for a period of 12 months pursuant to rules
and regulations.
Sec. 6. K.S.A. 65-6507 is hereby amended to read as follows: 65-
6507. The secretary board may contract with investigative agencies,
commissions or consultants to assist the secretary board in obtaining
information about courses of study and supervised clinical practicum
experiences to be approved by the secretary board under K.S.A. 65-6505,
and amendments thereto.
Sec. 7. K.S.A. 65-6508 is hereby amended to read as follows: 65-
6508. The secretary board shall deny, revoke, suspend or limit the license
provided for in this act for any of the following reasons:
(a) Making a false statement on an application for a license, or any
other document required by the secretary board;
(b) engaging or attempting to engage, or representing oneself as so
entitled, to perform procedures not authorized in the license;
(c) demonstrating incompetence or making consistent negligent errors
in tests or procedures;
(d) engaging in dishonorable, unethical or unprofessional conduct, as defined by rules and regulations;
(e) providing professional services while mentally incompetent, under the influence of alcohol or narcotic or controlled substance that is in excess of therapeutic amounts or without valid medical indication;
(f) violating or aiding and abetting in a violation of any provisions of this act or any of the rules or regulations adopted under this act; or
(g) having been convicted of a crime found by the secretary board to have a direct bearing on whether one should be entrusted to serve the public in the capacity of a speech-language pathologist or audiologist.

Sec. 8. K.S.A. 2011 Supp. 65-6509 is hereby amended to read as follows: 65-6509. Proceedings under this act shall be conducted in accordance with the Kansas administrative procedure act. Judicial review and civil enforcement of agency board actions under this act shall be in accordance with the Kansas judicial review act.

Sec. 9. K.S.A. 65-6512 is hereby amended to read as follows: 65-6512. The secretary board shall fix by rules and regulations the licensure fee, sponsorship fee, temporary licensure fee, renewal fee, late renewal fee, reinstatement fee, and examination fee, if necessary, under this act. Such fees shall be fixed in an amount to cover the costs of administering the provisions of the act. No fee shall be more than $200. The secretary board shall remit all moneys received by or for it under this act from fees, charges or penalties under this act to the state treasurer in accordance with the provisions of K.S.A. 75-4215, and amendments thereto. Upon receipt of each such remittance, the state treasurer shall deposit the entire amount in the state treasury to the credit of the state general fund. Ten percent of each such deposit shall be credited to the state general fund and the balance shall be credited to the healing arts fee fund. All expenditures from the healing arts fee fund shall be made in accordance with appropriation acts upon warrants of the director of accounts and reports issued pursuant to vouchers approved by the president of the board or by a person or persons designated by the president.


Sec. 11. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the statute book.