

BILL SUMMARY
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Bill No.:	SB 1837
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Impact:	Potential Assessment For Membership in Commission

Research Analysis

SB 1837 creates the Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Interstate Compact, recognizing the licensure of an audiologist or speech-language pathologist in member states. The measure:

- Outlines education requirements for an audiologist and speech-language pathologist,
- Requires participating providers to follow the laws of the client's state,
- Authorizes participating states to charge a fee to providers wishing to participate in the Compact,
 - Outlines licensure procedures for providers transferring states,
 - Authorizes states to take action against a provider offering services within its jurisdiction, however, only the state issuing the license may discipline the provider's licensure, and
 - Authorizes states to conduct joint investigations on the actions of a provider.

The measure also creates the Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Compact Commission. The Commission is directed to hold meetings, establish rules of the Compact, resolve disputes between member states, create a database containing licensure information of member states, and notify all member states when a participating provider faces adverse action. The Commission may assess each member state a fee in order to cover the costs of operation. A majority of member state legislatures may reject any rule from the Commission.

The Compact will take effect once ten state legislatures enact the Compact into law.

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Fiscal Analysis

The measure includes provisions where the newly created multi-state Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Compact Commission is authorized to levy an annual assessment from each member state. No specific amounts or formulas are included, so should any assessment be levied an amount will be determined by the Commission.

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Other Considerations

None.

