

**Bill Summary**  
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**Bill Analysis**

HB 2968 creates the Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Interstate Compact. The compact will allow providers licensed in a member state to practice across state lines. The measure outlines the requirements for participating providers. Such requirements include meeting member state's licensure requirements and minimum educational standards. Providers must comply with the practice laws of the client's home state. Remote states are authorized to take actions against participating providers. Member states may charge a fee for participation in the interstate compact. The measure also creates the Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Compact Commission and authorizes the Commission to establish rules and bylaws for participating states, create a database on providers' licensure status, and provide dispute resolution for member states. The measure also sets out application procedures for active military personnel and providers moving states. The compact is not effective until 10 states have adopted the interstate compact into their statutes.