

2019 Legislative Update
Board of Examiners in Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology

The following bill was enacted by the General Assembly during the 2019 legislative session and may impact the Board of Examiners in Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology and/or the Board of Examiners in Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology licensees:

Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Practice Act Update, [S.277/Act 34](#)

The Act repeals Act 124 of 2015. The Act adds that a speech-language pathology assistant may adhere to the responsibilities within the scope for speech-language pathology assistants set forth by the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association. A speech-language pathologist supervising a speech-language pathology assistant may adhere to the guidelines for supervision of a speech-language pathology assistant set forth by the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association. The Act clarifies continuing education requirements. The Act adds that the chapter does not apply to an educator certified by the SC Board of Education, including an educator certified as a speech-language therapist who is not licensed as a speech-language pathologist and does not hold a certificate of clinical competence in speech-language pathology credential from the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association. The Act also clarifies that the chapter does not apply to a speech-language pathologist or audiologist employed by a state or federal agency or subdivision of the State before September 1, 2020. The Act also makes additional clarifications.

Effective date: May 13, 2019, unless otherwise noted.

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