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AN ACT

Relating to persons who may practice speech-language pathology without a license; creating new provisions; and amending ORS 681.230.

Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:

SECTION 1. ORS 681.230 is amended to read:

681.230. (1) Without obtaining a license under this chapter, a person may use any procedure included in the practice of speech-language pathology or audiology if the procedure is within the person's scope of practice and the person is:

(a) Licensed by a health professional regulatory board as defined in ORS 676.160;

(b) Performing basic audiometric testing under the supervision of a physician licensed under ORS chapter 677 and representing that the person is a medical assistant or audiology assistant;

(c) A teacher who is licensed by the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission and who holds a hearing impaired endorsement issued by the commission; or

(d) A student participating in supervised field work or supervised course work in speech-language pathology or audiology as part of a college or university program approved by the State Board of Examiners for Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology; or

(e) A student taking an undergraduate course in speech-language pathology approved by the board.

(2) A person practicing speech-language pathology or audiology without a license under subsection (1) of this section may not represent or imply that the person is a speech-language pathologist, speech-language pathology assistant or audiologist.

(3) A person practicing speech-language pathology or audiology without a license under subsection (1)(d) or (e) of this section:

(a) Must use a title that indicates that the person is a student trainee.

(b) May not be paid for speech-language pathology or audiology services provided by the person, except that the person may be provided a reasonable educational stipend.

(4) Without obtaining a license under this chapter, a teacher licensed by the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission and holding a communications disorders or speech impaired endorsement issued by the commission may practice speech-language pathology if the person:

(a) Practices speech-language pathology solely in the course and scope of the person's duties as an employee of an education service district, a school district or a charter school; and

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(b) Complies with ORS 681.360 to 681.375 and rules adopted under ORS 681.360 to 681.375 when supervising speech-language pathology assistants.

(5) Without obtaining a license under this chapter, a person may:
(a) Consult with or disseminate the person's research findings and scientific information to an accredited academic institution or a governmental agency; and
(b) Offer lectures to the public for a fee, monetary or otherwise.

SECTION 2. The amendments to ORS 681.230 by section 1 of this 2015 Act become operative on July 1, 2016.

SECTION 3. Notwithstanding the amendments to ORS 681.230 by section 1 of this 2015 Act, a teacher who is licensed by the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission and who holds a communications disorders or speech impaired endorsement issued by the commission may continue to practice speech-language pathology on and after July 1, 2016, without obtaining a license under ORS chapter 681 if the person:
(1) Was licensed and endorsed by the commission before July 1, 2016;
(2) Practices speech-language pathology solely in the course and scope of the person's duties as an employee of an education service district, a school district or a charter school; and
(3) Complies with ORS 681.360 to 681.375 and rules adopted under ORS 681.360 to 681.375 when supervising speech-language pathology assistants.

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