

Please Support SB21-021 Audiology & Speech-Language Pathology Interstate Compact (ASLP-IC)

Sponsors: Senator Janet Buckner/Senator Dennis Hisey and Rep. Mary Young/Rep. Terri Carver

Background:

Colorado is a member of several interstate compacts including the Enhanced Nurse Licensure Compact, the Medical Licensure Compact, the Physical Therapy Compact Commission and the EMS Personnel Licensure Interstate Compact (REPLICA). These cooperative agreements enacted into law facilitate the interstate practice of a profession while maintaining public protection.

What is the ASLP-IC?

The ASLP-IC is a cooperative agreement enacted into law by participating states. Currently, there are six states part of the compact Louisiana, Wyoming, West Virginia, Utah, Oklahoma and North Carolina. Once ten states join the compact becomes effective.

What does SB21-021 do?

This legislation would allow audiologists and speech language pathologists to obtain a privilege to practice across state lines without having to become licensed in additional ASLP-IC member states.

What are the benefits of the SB21-021?

- increases access to care for patients, clients, and/or students.
- permits audiologists and speech-language pathologists to provide services to underserved or geographically isolated populations through telepractice;
- improves consumer protection across state lines;
- facilitates continuity of care when patients, clients, and/or students relocate or travel to another compact member state;
- allows licensed audiologists and speech-language pathologists to obtain a privilege to practice across state lines without having to become licensed in additional ASLP-IC member states;

Supporters:

Colorado Speech Language and Hearing Association
Colorado Academy of Audiology
Children's Hospital Colorado
Craig Hospital

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