1 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION STATE OF OKLAHOMA 2 2nd Session of the 59th Legislature (2024) 3 ENGROSSED SENATE 4 BILL NO. 1232 By: Bergstrom of the Senate 5 and 6 Kendrix of the House 7 8 9 An Act relating to professions and occupations; amending 59 O.S. 2021, Section 1607, which relates to the Board of Examiners for Speech-Language Pathology 10 and Audiology; extending sunset date; updating statutory language; providing an effective date; and 11 declaring an emergency. 12 13 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA: 14 SECTION 1. 59 O.S. 2021, Section 1607, is 15 AMENDATORY amended to read as follows: 16 Section 1607. A. There is hereby re-created, to continue until 17 July 1, 2024 July 1, 2027, in accordance with the provisions of the 18 Oklahoma Sunset Law, the Board of Examiners for Speech-Language 19 Pathology and Audiology whose duty it is to administer the 20 provisions of the Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Licensing 21 Act. The members of the Board shall be residents of this state and 22 shall be appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of 23 the Senate. The Board shall be composed of five (5) members 24

- consisting of three licensed speech-language pathologists or

 audiologists, provided that at least one of the three shall be a

 licensed speech-language pathologist and at least one, a licensed

 audiologist; one otolaryngologist who is certified by the American

 Board of Otolaryngology and one lay member.
 - B. The members of the original Board shall serve the following terms: one member for one (1) year, two members for two (2) years, and two members for three (3) years. Thereafter, at the expiration of the term, or termination of the member's service for any reason, the Governor shall appoint each successor for a term of three (3) years, or for the remainder of an unexpired term. The successor for any of the three speech-language pathologists or audiologists will be selected from a list of five licensed speech-language pathologists or audiologists, furnished by the Oklahoma Speech-Language-Hearing Association. The re-creation of the Board shall not affect the staggered terms of office for Board members established with the original Board.
 - C. Before entering upon the duties of the member's office, each member of the Board shall take the Constitutional constitutional oath of office and file it with the Secretary of State.
 - D. Board members may be reappointed to serve one additional three-year term. Three (3) years after the termination of a previous appointment to the Board, a member may be reappointed for one additional three-year term.

1	E. Board members shall be reimbursed for travel expenses
2	incurred in the performance of their duties as provided in the State
3	Travel Reimbursement Act.
4	SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2024.
5	SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
6	of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby
7	declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
8	be in full force from and after its passage and approval.
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10	COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE RULES, dated 03/28/2024 - DO PASS.
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