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HOUSE BILL **1427**

AN ACT relative to membership on the speech-language pathology and hearing care provider governing board.

SPONSORS: Rep. Fellows, Graf. 8

COMMITTEE: Executive Departments and Administration

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill modifies the membership of the speech-language pathology and hearing care provider governing board.

Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.
Matter removed from current law appears ~~[in brackets and struck through.]~~
Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty Two

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Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

1 17:1 Allied Health; Governing Boards. Amend RSA 328-F:3, I to read as follows:

2 I. There shall be established governing boards of athletic trainers, occupational therapists,
3 recreational therapists, respiratory care practitioners, physical therapists, speech-language pathologists[,]
4 **and** hearing care providers, and genetic counselors.

5 17:2 Allied Health; Governing Boards; Memberships. Amend RSA 328-F:4, I to read as follows:

6 I. Each governing board shall be composed of ~~[5 persons]~~ **members and alternates**, each to be
7 appointed by the governor with the approval of the council, to a term of 3 years~~[-except the speech-~~
8 ~~language pathology and hearing care provider governing board which shall be composed of 6 members,~~
9 ~~each to be appointed by the governor with the approval of the council, to a term of 3 years]~~. **Members and**
10 **alternates** shall serve until the expiration of the term for which they have been appointed or until their
11 successors have been appointed and qualified. No board member shall be appointed to more than 2
12 consecutive terms **as a member**, provided that for this purpose only a period actually served which
13 exceeds 1/2 of the 3-year term shall be deemed a full term. Any professional members of all governing
14 boards shall maintain current and unrestricted New Hampshire licenses. **Alternates may attend meetings**
15 **but shall only vote in the absence of a member representing the same interest group.**

16 17:3 Allied Health; Governing Boards; Qualifications. Amend RSA 328-F:4, III to read as follows:

17 III. Each public member **or alternate** of a governing board shall be a person who is not, and never
18 was a member of the applicable allied health profession or the spouse of any such person, and who does
19 not have, and never has had a material financial interest in either the provision of that allied health
20 service, a health insurance company, or health maintenance organization, including representation of the
21 board or profession for a fee at any time during the 5 years preceding appointment.

22 17:4 Allied Health; Speech-Language Pathology and Hearing Care Provider Board RSA 328-F:4, VIII
23 is repealed and reenacted to read as follows:

24 VIII. The speech-language pathology and hearing care provider governing board shall consist of:

25 (a) Three licensed speech-language pathologist members and one licensed speech-
26 language pathologist alternate, who have actively practiced speech-language pathology in this state for at
27 least 3 years. At least one speech-language pathologist member shall be employed in an educational
28 setting and at least one speech-language pathologist member shall be employed in a clinical setting.

29 (b) One licensed audiologist member, and one licensed audiologist alternate, who have
30 actively practiced audiology in this state for at least 3 years.

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- 1 (c) One registered hearing aid dealer member, and one registered hearing aid dealer
2 alternate, who have actively practiced in this state for at least 3 years.
- 3 (d) One public member and one public alternate.
- 4 17:5 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

Approved: April 11, 2022
Effective Date: June 10, 2022

