

HOUSE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE REPORT

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Chair of Committee

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January 30, 2025  
Date

Committee on Business Affairs & Labor.

After consideration on the merits, the Committee recommends the following:

HB25-1075 be amended as follows, and as so amended, be referred to the Committee of the Whole with favorable recommendation:

1 Amend printed bill, strike everything below the enacting clause and  
2 substitute:

3 "SECTION 1. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-305-102, **amend**  
4 (1) introductory portion and (2); and **add** (1)(c.5) as follows:

5 **12-305-102. Legislative declaration.** (1) The general assembly  
6 **hereby** finds, determines, and declares that:

7 (c.5) SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY ASSISTANTS ENHANCE THE  
8 EFFICIENCY AND EXTENT OF SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY SERVICES BY  
9 PROVIDING SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY SERVICES IN COLLABORATION  
10 WITH AND UNDER THE DIRECTION AND SUPERVISION OF SPEECH-LANGUAGE  
11 PATHOLOGISTS AND WILL HELP ADDRESS THE CRITICAL SHORTAGE OF  
12 SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY SERVICES IN THE STATE; AND

13 (2) The general assembly further determines that it is the purpose  
14 of this article 305 to:

15 (a) Regulate ~~persons~~ INDIVIDUALS who are representing or holding  
16 themselves out as speech-language pathologists or who are performing  
17 services that constitute speech-language pathology; and

18 (b) Exclude from regulation under this article 305 those school  
19 speech-language pathologists, INCLUDING SCHOOL SPEECH-LANGUAGE  
20 PATHOLOGY ASSISTANTS, who are paid solely by an administrative unit or  
21 state-operated program.

22 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-305-104, **amend**  
23 (2) and (3); and **add** (1.3), (1.4), (1.5), (2.5), (4.5), and (6) as follows:

24 **12-305-104. Definitions.** As used in this article 305, unless the  
25 context otherwise requires:

26 (1.3) "CERTIFICATE HOLDER" MEANS A SPEECH-LANGUAGE  
27 PATHOLOGIST CERTIFIED PURSUANT TO SECTION 12-305-107.

1 (1.4) "CERTIFIED" MEANS CERTIFIED BY THE DIRECTOR PURSUANT  
2 TO THIS ARTICLE 305.

3 (1.5) "DIRECTION AND SUPERVISION" MEANS, WITH RESPECT TO A  
4 SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY ASSISTANT, DIRECTION AND SUPERVISION  
5 BY A SUPERVISING SPEECH LANGUAGE PATHOLOGIST IN ACCORDANCE WITH  
6 THE REQUIREMENTS SET FORTH IN SECTION 12-305-111.5.

7 (2) "School speech-language pathologist" means ~~a person~~ AN  
8 INDIVIDUAL licensed by the department of education to provide  
9 speech-language pathology services that are paid for by an administrative  
10 unit or a state-operated program. ~~"School speech-language pathologist"~~  
11 ~~includes a school speech-language pathology assistant authorized by the~~  
12 ~~department of education pursuant to section 22-60.5-111 (10) to provide~~  
13 ~~speech-language pathology services that are paid for by an administrative~~  
14 ~~unit or a state-operated program.~~

15 (2.5) "SCHOOL SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY ASSISTANT"  
16 MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL AUTHORIZED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION  
17 PURSUANT TO SECTION 22-60.5-111 (10) TO ASSIST A SCHOOL  
18 SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGIST IN PROVIDING SPEECH-LANGUAGE  
19 PATHOLOGY SERVICES THAT ARE PAID FOR BY AN ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT  
20 OR A STATE-OPERATED PROGRAM.

21 (3) "Speech-language pathologist" ~~or "certificate holder"~~ means  
22 ~~a person~~ AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS certified to practice speech-language  
23 pathology ~~under this article 305~~ PURSUANT TO SECTION 12-305-107 (1).

24 (4.5) "SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY ASSISTANT" MEANS AN  
25 INDIVIDUAL WHO:

26 (a) HAS SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED:

27 (I) A BACHELOR'S OR HIGHER DEGREE IN SPEECH-LANGUAGE  
28 PATHOLOGY, COMMUNICATION DISORDERS AND SPEECH SCIENCES, OR ANY  
29 OTHER FIELD THAT INCLUDES AT LEAST TWENTY-FOUR SEMESTER HOURS  
30 IN SPEECH-LANGUAGE HEARING SCIENCES, GRANTED BY AN ACCREDITED  
31 INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION;

32 (II) A SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY ASSISTANT PROGRAM; AND  
33 (III) A SUPERVISED CLINICAL PRACTICUM TOTALING AT LEAST ONE  
34 HUNDRED DIRECT HOURS UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF A  
35 SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGIST; AND

36 (b) ASSISTS IN THE PRACTICE OF SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY  
37 IN COLLABORATION WITH AND UNDER THE DIRECTION AND SUPERVISION  
38 OF A SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGIST PURSUANT TO SECTION  
39 12-305-111.5.

40 (6) "SUPERVISING SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGIST" OR  
41 "SUPERVISOR" MEANS A SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGIST WHO IS  
42 RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DIRECTION AND SUPERVISION OF A  
43 SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY ASSISTANT PURSUANT TO SECTION

1 12-305-111.5.

2 **SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-305-105, **amend**  
3 (1); and **add** (3) as follows:

4 **12-305-105. Use of titles restricted.** (1) Only ~~a person~~ AN  
5 INDIVIDUAL WHO IS required to be and ~~who~~ is certified PURSUANT TO THIS  
6 ARTICLE 305 as a speech-language pathologist ~~under this article 305~~ or IS  
7 licensed by the ~~Colorado~~ department of education to provide  
8 speech-language pathology services may advertise as or use the title  
9 "speech-language pathologist", "speech pathologist", "speech therapist",  
10 "speech correctionist", "speech clinician", "language pathologist", "voice  
11 therapist", "voice pathologist", "aphasiologist", or any other generally  
12 accepted terms, letters, or figures that indicate that the ~~person~~ INDIVIDUAL  
13 is a certified speech-language pathologist OR A LICENSED  
14 SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGIST.

15 (3) ONLY AN INDIVIDUAL WHO PRACTICES IN ACCORDANCE WITH  
16 THIS ARTICLE 305 AS A SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY ASSISTANT OR IS  
17 AUTHORIZED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AS A SCHOOL  
18 SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY ASSISTANT MAY ADVERTISE AS OR USE  
19 THE TITLE "SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY ASSISTANT" OR ANY OTHER  
20 GENERALLY ACCEPTED TERMS, LETTERS, OR FIGURES THAT INDICATE THAT  
21 THE INDIVIDUAL IS A SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY ASSISTANT OR AN  
22 AUTHORIZED SCHOOL SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY ASSISTANT.

23 **SECTION 4.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-305-110, **amend**  
24 (1)(a) and (2)(a); and **add** (1)(c.3) and (1)(c.5) as follows:

25 **12-305-110. Scope of article - exclusions - rules.** (1) This article  
26 305 does not prevent or restrict the practice, services, or activities of:

27 (a) A school speech-language pathologist OR AN AUTHORIZED  
28 SCHOOL SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY ASSISTANT whose compensation  
29 for speech-language pathology services is paid solely by an administrative  
30 unit or state-operated program;

31 (c.3) A SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY ASSISTANT ASSISTING IN  
32 THE PRACTICE OF SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY PURSUANT TO THIS  
33 ARTICLE 305 IN COLLABORATION WITH AND UNDER THE DIRECTION AND  
34 SUPERVISION OF A SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGIST;

35 (c.5) AN INDIVIDUAL PARTICIPATING IN A SPEECH-LANGUAGE  
36 PATHOLOGY ASSISTANT PROGRAM OR ITS EQUIVALENT, AS DETERMINED BY  
37 THE DIRECTOR BY RULE, IF THE INDIVIDUAL IS DESIGNATED BY A TITLE  
38 THAT CLEARLY INDICATES THE INDIVIDUAL'S STATUS AS A STUDENT AND  
39 IF THE INDIVIDUAL ACTS UNDER APPROPRIATE INSTRUCTION AND  
40 SUPERVISION;

41 (2) Nothing in this article 305 requires or allows the department  
42 of education, the department of health care policy and financing, or any  
43 other state department to adopt or apply the standards contained in this

1 article 305:

2 (a) As the standards for endorsing or otherwise authorizing school  
3 speech-language pathologists OR SCHOOL SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY  
4 ASSISTANTS to provide speech-language pathology services that are paid  
5 for by an administrative unit or state-operated program; or

6 **SECTION 5.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **amend** 12-305-111  
7 as follows:

8 **12-305-111. Limitations on authority - limitations specific to**  
9 **speech-language pathology assistants.** (1) Nothing in this article 305  
10 authorizes a speech-language pathologist OR A SPEECH-LANGUAGE  
11 PATHOLOGY ASSISTANT to engage in the practice of medicine, as defined  
12 in section 12-240-107; dentistry, as defined in sections 12-220-104 (6)  
13 and 12-220-305; or any other profession for which licensure, certification,  
14 or registration is required, EXCEPT AS AUTHORIZED by this article 305.

15 (2) NOTHING IN THIS ARTICLE 305 AUTHORIZES A  
16 SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY ASSISTANT TO PRACTICE  
17 SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY UNLESS THE SPEECH-LANGUAGE  
18 PATHOLOGY ASSISTANT PRACTICES UNDER THE DIRECTION AND  
19 SUPERVISION OF A SUPERVISING SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGIST.

20 (3) A SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY ASSISTANT SHALL NOT:

21 (a) REPRESENT THEMSELF AS A SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGIST;

22 (b) INTERPRET ASSESSMENT TOOLS FOR THE PURPOSE OF  
23 DIAGNOSING DISABILITY OR DETERMINING ELIGIBILITY OR QUALIFICATION  
24 FOR SERVICES;

25 (c) ADMINISTER OR INTERPRET FEEDING OR SWALLOWING  
26 SCREENINGS, CHECKLISTS, OR ASSESSMENTS;

27 (d) DIAGNOSE COMMUNICATION AND FEEDING OR SWALLOWING  
28 DISORDERS;

29 (e) DEVELOP OR DETERMINE THE FEEDING OR SWALLOWING  
30 STRATEGIES OR PRECAUTIONS FOR PATIENTS;

31 (f) DISCLOSE CLINICAL OR CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION,  
32 INCLUDING DIAGNOSES, SERVICES PROVIDED, OR RESPONSE TO  
33 TREATMENT, EITHER ORALLY OR IN WRITING, TO INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE  
34 NOT BEEN APPROVED BY THE SUPERVISING SPEECH-LANGUAGE  
35 PATHOLOGIST TO RECEIVE INFORMATION, UNLESS MANDATED BY LAW;

36 (g) WRITE, DEVELOP, OR MODIFY A PATIENT'S PLAN OF CARE IN  
37 ANY WAY;

38 (h) MAKE REFERRALS FOR ADDITIONAL SERVICES;

39 (i) SELECT AUGMENTATIVE AND ALTERNATIVE COMMUNICATION  
40 SYSTEMS OR DEVICES;

41 (j) TREAT MEDICALLY FRAGILE PATIENTS WHO ARE ACUTELY ILL  
42 AND IN AN UNSTABLE HEALTH CONDITION WITHOUT CONTINUOUS, DIRECT  
43 SUPERVISION BY A SUPERVISING SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGIST, WHICH

- 1 MAY INCLUDE SYNCHRONOUS OR LIVE TELESUPERVISION;  
2 (k) PERFORM PROCEDURES THAT REQUIRE SPECIALIZED  
3 KNOWLEDGE AND TRAINING, INCLUDING VOCAL TRACT PROSTHESIS  
4 SHAPING OR FITTING OR VOCAL TRACT IMAGING;  
5 (l) PROVIDE INPUT IN CARE CONFERENCES, CASE CONFERENCES, OR  
6 INTERDISCIPLINARY TEAM MEETINGS WITHOUT THE PRESENCE OR PRIOR  
7 APPROVAL OF A SUPERVISING SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGIST OR OTHER  
8 DESIGNATED SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGIST;  
9 (m) PROVIDE INTERPRETATIVE INFORMATION TO A PATIENT OR  
10 OTHERS REGARDING THE PATIENT'S STATUS OR SERVICE; OR  
11 (n) SIGN OR INITIAL ANY FORMAL DOCUMENTS, INCLUDING PLANS  
12 OF CARE, REIMBURSEMENT FORMS, OR REPORTS, THAT ARE NOT ALSO  
13 SIGNED BY A SUPERVISING SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGIST.

14 **SECTION 6.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, add 12-305-111.5 as  
15 follows:

16 **12-305-111.5. Direction and supervision of speech-language**  
17 **pathology assistants by speech-language pathologists - definitions.**

18 (1) AS USED IN THIS SECTION, UNLESS THE CONTEXT OTHERWISE  
19 REQUIRES:

20 (a) "DIRECT SUPERVISION" MEANS IN-VIEW OBSERVATION AND  
21 GUIDANCE BY A SUPERVISING SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGIST WHILE THE  
22 SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY ASSISTANT IS PERFORMING A CLINICAL  
23 ACTIVITY. "DIRECT SUPERVISION" MAY INCLUDE THE SUPERVISING  
24 SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGIST COMMUNICATING WITH THE  
25 SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY ASSISTANT VIA TELECOMMUNICATION  
26 TECHNOLOGY DURING THE SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY ASSISTANT'S  
27 PROVISION OF CLINICAL SERVICES.

28 (b) "INDIRECT SUPERVISION" MEANS SUPERVISION DURING WHICH  
29 A SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGIST IS NOT REQUIRED TO BE PHYSICALLY  
30 PRESENT OR AVAILABLE VIA TELECOMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY WHILE  
31 THE SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY ASSISTANT IS PROVIDING SERVICES.  
32 "INDIRECT SUPERVISION" MAY INCLUDE:

- 33 (I) REVIEWING DEMONSTRATION VIDEOS;  
34 (II) REVIEWING PATIENT FILES;  
35 (III) REVIEWING AND EVALUATING AUDIO OR VIDEO RECORDED  
36 SESSIONS; OR  
37 (IV) CONDUCTING SUPERVISORY CONFERENCES EITHER IN PERSON  
38 OR VIA TELEPHONE OR IN LIVE, SECURE VIRTUAL MEETINGS.

39 (2) A SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY ASSISTANT SHALL PRACTICE  
40 SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY ONLY IN COLLABORATION WITH AND  
41 UNDER THE DIRECTION AND SUPERVISION OF A SPEECH-LANGUAGE  
42 PATHOLOGIST.

43 (3) A SUPERVISING SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGIST IS

1 RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DIRECTION AND SUPERVISION OF A  
2 SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY ASSISTANT'S PRACTICE OF  
3 SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY. THE LEVEL OF SUPERVISION MUST BE  
4 BASED ON THE NEEDS, COMPETENCIES, SKILLS, EXPECTATIONS,  
5 PHILOSOPHIES, AND EXPERIENCE OF THE SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY  
6 ASSISTANT AND THE SUPERVISOR; THE NEEDS OF THE PATIENT SERVED; THE  
7 SERVICE SETTING; THE TASKS ASSIGNED; AND ANY OTHER RELEVANT  
8 FACTORS. THE SUPERVISING SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGIST IS  
9 RESPONSIBLE FOR DESIGNING AND IMPLEMENTING A WRITTEN  
10 SUPERVISORY PLAN TO OUTLINE THE PRACTICES OF THE SUPERVISING  
11 SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGIST AND TO DOCUMENT PROGRESS. A  
12 SUPERVISOR SHALL NOT ASSIGN TASKS TO A SPEECH-LANGUAGE  
13 PATHOLOGY ASSISTANT THAT ARE BEYOND THE LEVEL OF COMPETENCE OF  
14 THE SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY ASSISTANT OR THAT ARE BEYOND  
15 THE SCOPE OF A SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY ASSISTANT'S PRACTICE.  
16 THE CARE OF THE PATIENT REMAINS THE SUPERVISING SPEECH-LANGUAGE  
17 PATHOLOGIST'S RESPONSIBILITY.

18 (4) A SUPERVISING SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGIST SHALL  
19 DETERMINE THE APPROPRIATE NUMBER OF SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY  
20 ASSISTANTS WHOSE PRACTICE MAY BE SUPERVISED, WITH A  
21 RECOMMENDED NUMBER FOR SUPERVISION OF NO MORE THAN THREE  
22 FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY ASSISTANTS PER  
23 SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGIST. THE FACTORS TO CONSIDER IN  
24 DETERMINING SUPERVISION RATIOS INCLUDE CASELOAD  
25 CHARACTERISTICS, THE SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY ASSISTANT'S  
26 EXPERIENCE, AND THE SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGIST'S EXPERIENCE  
27 AND WORKLOAD.

28 (5) BEFORE A SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY ASSISTANT BEGINS  
29 TO PROVIDE INDEPENDENT SUPPORT TO A PATIENT, THE SUPERVISING  
30 SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGIST SHALL INITIATE FIRST CONTACT WITH  
31 THE PATIENT AND PREPARE A PLAN OF CARE FOR THE PATIENT. AFTER THE  
32 ESTABLISHMENT OF THE SUPERVISORY RELATIONSHIP, MINIMUM ONGOING  
33 SUPERVISION MUST INCLUDE DOCUMENTATION OF DIRECT SUPERVISION  
34 PROVIDED BY THE SUPERVISOR FOR EACH PATIENT AT LEAST EVERY THIRTY  
35 TO SIXTY DAYS, DEPENDING ON THE FREQUENCY OF THE SESSIONS AND  
36 SETTING, AND THE SUPERVISOR SHALL REVIEW PATIENT DATA. THE  
37 SUPERVISOR SHALL ADJUST THE AMOUNT OF SUPERVISION BASED ON THE  
38 SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY ASSISTANT'S COMPETENCIES AND SKILL  
39 LEVEL IN TREATING PATIENTS WHO HAVE A VARIETY OF COMMUNICATION  
40 DISORDERS. THE SUPERVISING SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGIST SHALL  
41 ACCURATELY DOCUMENT AND REGULARLY RECORD ALL SUPERVISORY  
42 ACTIVITIES, FOR BOTH DIRECT AND INDIRECT SUPERVISION. FOR  
43 MEDICALLY FRAGILE PATIENTS WHO ARE ACUTELY ILL AND IN AN

1 UNSTABLE HEALTH CONDITION, THE SUPERVISOR SHALL PROVIDE ONE  
2 HUNDRED PERCENT DIRECT SUPERVISION OF THE SPEECH-LANGUAGE  
3 PATHOLOGY ASSISTANT, WHICH MAY BE THROUGH SYNCHRONOUS OR LIVE  
4 TELESUPERVISION.

5 (6) A SUPERVISOR SHALL PROVIDE FEEDBACK REGARDING THE  
6 QUALITY OF A SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY ASSISTANT'S PERFORMANCE  
7 OF ASSIGNED TASKS. INFORMATION OBTAINED DURING DIRECT  
8 SUPERVISION MAY INCLUDE DATA RELATIVE TO THE RELIABILITY BETWEEN  
9 THE SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY ASSISTANT AND THE SUPERVISOR ON  
10 CORRECT OR INCORRECT RECORDING OF TARGET BEHAVIOR, ACCURACY IN  
11 IMPLEMENTING ASSIGNED TREATMENT PROCEDURES AND IN RECORDING  
12 DATA, AND THE ABILITY TO INTERACT EFFECTIVELY WITH THE PATIENT  
13 DURING THE PRESENTATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF ASSIGNED  
14 PROCEDURES AND ACTIVITIES.

15 (7) A SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY ASSISTANT SHALL NOT  
16 PERFORM TASKS WHEN A SUPERVISOR CANNOT BE REACHED BY PERSONAL  
17 CONTACT, VIA PHONE, OR BY OTHER IMMEDIATE ELECTRONIC MEANS. IF  
18 FOR SOME REASON A SUPERVISOR BECOMES UNABLE TO CONTINUE  
19 SUPERVISION, THE SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY ASSISTANT SHALL NOT  
20 PERFORM SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY TASKS UNTIL ANOTHER  
21 QUALIFIED SUPERVISOR IS AVAILABLE TO SUPERVISE.

22 **SECTION 7.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-305-112, **amend**  
23 (2)(r) and (2)(s)(II); and **add** (2)(t) as follows:

24 **12-305-112. Grounds for discipline - definitions.** (2) The  
25 director may take disciplinary or other action specified in section  
26 12-20-404 or 12-305-113 or issue a cease-and-desist order to a certificate  
27 holder in accordance with sections 12-20-405 and 12-305-113 (8) upon  
28 proof that the certificate holder:

29 (r) Has otherwise violated ~~any~~ A provision of this article 305 or  
30 lawful order or rule of the director; ~~or~~

31 (s) Has committed:

32 (II) An abuse of health insurance, as set forth in section  
33 18-13-119; OR

34 (t) HAS FAILED TO PROPERLY DIRECT AND SUPERVISE A  
35 SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY ASSISTANT WHO IS UNDER THE  
36 SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGIST'S DIRECTION AND SUPERVISION  
37 PURSUANT TO SECTION 12-305-111.5.

38 **SECTION 8.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-34-104, **amend**  
39 (34)(a)(III) as follows:

40 **24-34-104. General assembly review of regulatory agencies**  
41 **and functions for repeal, continuation, or reestablishment - legislative**  
42 **declaration - repeal.** (34) (a) The following agencies, functions, or both,  
43 are scheduled for repeal on September 1, 2033:

1 (III) The regulation of speech-language pathologists AND  
2 SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY ASSISTANTS by the director of the  
3 division of professions and occupations in accordance with article 305 of  
4 title 12;

5 **SECTION 9. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act  
6 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the  
7 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly; except  
8 that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V  
9 of the state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this  
10 act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take  
11 effect unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in  
12 November 2026 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the  
13 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor."

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