

2021-2022 ANNUAL REPORT

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1. Primary Accomplishments in the year 2021-2022:

- Senate Bill 811:
 - Had meetings with legislators for sponsorship of bill to amend the educational limited license, which was reduced to 12 months in 2020/2021 to align with PA 368.
 - Identified sponsor (Senator Curtis VanderWall) for amendment to PA 368 – SB 811 introduced 1/12/22. Referred to Senate Health Policy Committee.
 - Testified at the Senate Health Policy Committee Hearing 2/24/22 – bill passed unanimously out of committee 3/8/22.
 - Bill passed unanimously through Senate 3/10/22 and referred to House of Representatives Health Policy Committee.
- House Bill 4364:
 - Allows for voluntary inclusion of “communication impediment” designation in computerized filing of driver’s license
 - Speech-language pathologists can now certify the presence of a communication impediment via letter to Secretary of State on behalf of the individuals with a communication disorder or difference.

2. Major Challenges:

- Identification of bill sponsor and proposed policy introduction for SB811
- Inclusion in HB4364 for certification of communication impediment. Amendment to include SLPs initially introduced in 2020; died at the end of the 2020 term.

3. Plans/Directions for 2022-2023:

- Monitoring of telehealth coverage as Public Health Emergency expires.
- Continued movement for SB 811 to extend educational limited license to 24 months with option to renew.
- Analyze feasibility of licensure of SLPAs in Michigan.
- ASLP-IC (interstate compact)