



OFFICE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL
STATE OF OKLAHOMA

ATTORNEY GENERAL OPINION
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Amy Hall, Executive Secretary
Board of Examiners for Speech-Language
Pathology and Audiology
P.O. Box 53592
Oklahoma City, OK 73152

February 26, 2019

Dear Executive Secretary Hall:

This office has received your request for a written Attorney General Opinion regarding action that the Board of Examiners for Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology intends to take pursuant to a consent agreement in Case No. 18-01. The respondent practiced audiology in a non-exempt setting without an active license. The Board proposes to require the respondent to complete an ethics course, comply with an audit of the respondent's continuing education for the period of January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2018, and require the licensee to pay a fine of \$300.

The Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Licensing Act gives the Board the power and duty to "regulate the practice of speech-language pathology and audiology in this state," and to discipline those who violate the Act or rules promulgated by the Board. 59 O.S.2011, § 1610(A)(1), (3), (6), (11); 59 O.S.Supp.2018, § 1619(A). The Act states that "no person shall practice speech-language pathology or audiology unless such person is licensed pursuant to the Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Licensing Act." *Id.* § 1604(A). The Board may reasonably believe that the proposed action is necessary to deter future violations.

It is, therefore, the official opinion of the Attorney General that the Board of Examiners for Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology has adequate support for the conclusion that this action advances the State of Oklahoma's policy to protect the public health, safety and welfare.

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