



# OHIO LEGISLATIVE SERVICE COMMISSION

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## Bill Analysis

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### **Am. H.B. 491**

132nd General Assembly

(As Reported by H. Education and Career Readiness)

**Reps.** Edwards, Butler, Householder, Hambley

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## **BILL SUMMARY**

- Requires the State Board of Education to issue substitute licenses to speech-language pathologists, audiologists, registered nurses who hold bachelor's degrees in nursing, physical therapists or physical therapist assistants, occupational therapists or occupational therapist assistants, and social workers who satisfy certain conditions.
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## **CONTENT AND OPERATION**

### **Substitute licenses for specified pupil services personnel**

The bill requires the State Board of Education to issue substitute licenses to speech-language pathologists, audiologists, registered nurses who hold bachelor's degrees in nursing, physical therapists or physical therapist assistants, occupational therapist or occupational therapist assistants, and social workers who (1) are licensed in Ohio, (2) wish to be employed to work in a substitute capacity by a school district or school, and (3) submit to the State Board a copy of the current valid occupational license and all materials required to complete a criminal records check.<sup>1</sup> The bill prohibits the State Board from adopting a rule that establishes any additional qualifications for the substitute license.<sup>2</sup>

Additionally, the bill states that a substitute license may be issued upon the request and recommendation of the superintendent of a school district or educational service center, the governing authority of a community school, the governing body of a STEM school, the board of trustees of a college-preparatory boarding school, or the

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<sup>1</sup> R.C. 3319.2210(A) and (C).

<sup>2</sup> R.C. 3319.2210(D).

governing body of a chartered nonpublic school.<sup>3</sup> It is unclear whether this type of request and recommendation is required in order for the State Board to issue a license under the bill's provisions.

As with other substitute licenses issued under current law, a license issued under this provision may be valid for one year (a short-term substitute license), five years (a long-term substitute license), or any other length of time up to five years that the State Board determines is appropriate.<sup>4</sup>

Finally, the bill specifies that a person licensed under the bill may not be employed in a nonsubstitute capacity without satisfying the licensure or permit requirements applicable to the person's prospective position of employment established in rules of the State Board.<sup>5</sup>

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## HISTORY

ACTION	DATE
Introduced	01-13-18
Reported, H. Education & Career Readiness	03-21-18

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<sup>3</sup> R.C. 3319.2210(B).

<sup>4</sup> R.C. 3319.226, not in the bill and Ohio Administrative Code 3301-23-44(D).

<sup>5</sup> R.C. 3319.2210(E).

