



## Arkansas Department of Health

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Administrative Rules Subcommittee  
Arkansas Legislative Council  
Senator Kim Hammer, Chair  
Representative Brian Evans, Co-Chair  
Via Rebecca Miller-Rice, Email: [miller-rice@blr.arkansas.gov](mailto:miller-rice@blr.arkansas.gov)

RE: Ark. Code Ann. §25-15-216(c) Exclusions

Dear Co-Chairs,

As required by Arkansas Code Ann. § 25-15-216(c), the Arkansas Department of Health – Board of Examiners in Speech – Language Pathology and Audiology formally requests that the following possible rule amendments which may be required by newly enacted legislation be excluded from the reporting requirements of Arkansas Code Ann. § 25-15-216(b).

Act 301 of the 94th General Assembly established the Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Interstate Compact in Arkansas. This act, Act 301 of 2023 pages 18-20, may require the Arkansas Board of Examiners in Speech – Language Pathology to amend its Rules, but the Interstate Compact Commission is still forming its rules. Therefore, because any possible changes are not yet completed for consideration, we formally request that this potential rule amendment be excluded from the reporting requirements of Arkansas Code Ann. § 25-15-216(c) until such time as the Commission has acted.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Nat Roe".

Nathaniel Roe, Director

ADH – Arkansas Board of Examiners in Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology