

## NOTICE OF RULEMAKING

Pursuant to Arkansas Code Annotated §25-15-201 et seq., notice is hereby given that the Arkansas Board of Examiners in Speech Pathology and Audiology (Board) is considering proposed revisions to its Rules and Regulations.

The proposed revisions and modifications to the Rules include, but are not limited to, the following subjects and issues: automatic licensure for uniformed service members, veterans, and spouses; pre-licensure criminal background checks; fee waivers for certain qualified applicants; and licensure eligibility for certain classes of applicants.

The proposed amendments are posted on the Secretary of State's website at <https://www.sos.arkansas.gov/rules-regulations/>, the Board's website at [www.healthy.arkansas.gov/programs-services/topics/arkansas-board-examiners-in-speech-pathology-and-audiology](http://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/programs-services/topics/arkansas-board-examiners-in-speech-pathology-and-audiology) or you may contact the Board to obtain a written copy by email at [abespa@arkansas.gov](mailto:abespa@arkansas.gov) or by phone at 501-537-9151.

The public comment period will begin December 3, 2021 and conclude on January 2, 2022. Written comments from the public should be emailed to [abespa@arkansas.gov](mailto:abespa@arkansas.gov) or mailed to the Board at 4815 W. Markham St., Slot 72 Little Rock, AR 72205. The Board will discuss any comments received at their next public meeting, which will be scheduled following the conclusion of the public comment period. Comments must be received in advance of the meeting in order to be considered by the Board. If you wish to sign up for meeting notifications, please contact the Board via email at [abespa@arkansas.gov](mailto:abespa@arkansas.gov) or by phone at 501-537-9151.