



ASHA
American
Speech-Language-Hearing
Association

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Representative Clint Moses
Chair
Assembly Committee on Health, Aging and Long-Term Care
Wisconsin State Legislature
2 East Main Street
Madison, WI 53703

RE: AB 208

Dear Representative Moses:

On behalf of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association, I write to support AB 208, which adopts the Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Interstate Compact (ASLP-IC).

The American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA) is the national professional, scientific, and credentialing association for 228,000 members and affiliates who are audiologists; speech-language pathologists; speech, language, and hearing scientists; audiology and speech-language pathology support personnel; and students. Over 4,100 ASHA members reside in Wisconsin.¹

ASHA members often have difficulty obtaining multiple state licenses to practice due to administrative burdens. These burdens hinder their ability to provide quality services and restrict consumer access in underserved and rural communities. I am pleased to support AB 208, which will address these issues by:

- increasing access to care for patients, clients, and students; and
- facilitating continuity of care when patients, clients, and students relocate or travel to another state, specifically members of the military and their spouses.

Passage of this bill would allow Wisconsin to enjoy the same benefits of the 27 other ASLP-IC member states. We hope the Committee will pass this important legislation to ensure Wisconsin can join the ASLP-IC.

If you or your staff have any questions, please contact Susan Adams, ASHA's director of state legislative and regulatory affairs, at sadams@asha.org.

Sincerely,

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2023 ASHA President

¹ American Speech-Language-Hearing Association. (2022). *Wisconsin* [Quick Facts]. <https://www.asha.org/siteassets/advocacy/state-fliers/wisconsin-state-flyer.pdf>.