

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE BILL NO. 2095

100TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE SHAWAN.

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DANA RADEMAN MILLER, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To repeal section 345.050, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to licensing of speech pathologists and audiologists.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Section 345.050, RSMo, is repealed and one new section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 345.050, to read as follows:

345.050. 1. To be eligible for licensure by the board by examination, each applicant shall submit the application fee and shall furnish evidence of such person's good moral and ethical character, current competence and shall:

(1) Hold a master's or a doctoral degree from a program **that was awarded "accreditation candidate" status or is** accredited by the Council on Academic Accreditation of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association or other accrediting agency approved by the board in the area in which licensure is sought;

(2) Submit official transcripts from one or more accredited colleges or universities presenting evidence of the completion of course work and clinical practicum requirements equivalent to that required by the Council on Academic Accreditation of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association or other accrediting agency approved by the board; and

(3) Pass an examination promulgated or approved by the board. The board shall determine the subject and scope of the examinations.

2. To be eligible for licensure by the board without examination, each applicant shall make application on forms prescribed by the board, submit the application fee and shall be of good moral and ethical character, submit an activity statement and meet one of the following requirements:

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

18 (1) The board shall issue a license to any speech-language pathologist or audiologist who
19 is licensed in another country and who has had no violations, suspension or revocations of a
20 license to practice speech-language pathology or audiology in any jurisdiction; provided that,
21 such person is licensed in a country whose requirements are substantially equal to, or greater
22 than, Missouri at the time the applicant applies for licensure; or

23 (2) Hold the certificate of clinical competence issued by the American
24 Speech-Language-Hearing Association in the area in which licensure is sought.

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