

HB5532



103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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Introduced 2/9/2024, by Rep. Travis Weaver

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

225 ILCS 110/8.5

Amends the Illinois Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Practice Act. Makes changes in provisions concerning the educational requirements for licensure as a speech-language pathology assistant. Effective January 1, 2025.

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A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning regulation.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Illinois Speech-Language Pathology and
5 Audiology Practice Act is amended by changing Section 8.5 as
6 follows:

7 (225 ILCS 110/8.5)

8 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2028)

9 Sec. 8.5. Qualifications for licenses as a speech-language
10 pathology assistant. A person is qualified to be licensed as a
11 speech-language pathology assistant if that person has applied
12 in writing or electronically on forms prescribed by the
13 Department, has paid the required fees, and meets both of the
14 following criteria:

15 (1) Is of good moral character. In determining moral
16 character, the Department may take into consideration any
17 felony conviction or plea of guilty or nolo contendere of
18 the applicant, but such a conviction or plea shall not
19 operate automatically as a complete bar to licensure.

20 (2) Has received either (i) an associate degree from a
21 speech-language pathology assistant program that has been
22 approved by the Department and that meets the minimum
23 requirements set forth in Section 8.6~~;~~ (ii) a bachelor's

1 degree and has completed course work from an accredited
2 college or university that meets the minimum requirements
3 set forth in Section 8.6;~~7~~ or (iii) a bachelor's degree in
4 speech-language pathology or communication sciences and
5 disorders from a regionally or nationally accredited
6 institution approved by the Department that meets the
7 minimum requirements set forth in paragraph (2) of
8 subsection (a) in Section 8.6, and evidence of completion
9 of at least 100 hours of documented field work supervised
10 by a nationally certified and licensed speech-language
11 pathologist that is comparable to field work ~~that~~
12 completed in a speech-language pathology assistant program
13 in this State, and completion of requirements for national
14 certification as a speech-language pathology assistant.

15 (Source: P.A. 103-302, eff. 1-1-24.)

16 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect January
17 1, 2025.