

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8 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2028)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, ~~or~~ (ii) a

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

12 (Source: P.A. 100-530, eff. 1-1-18.)