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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 5532

2 AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_. Amend House Bill 5532 by replacing  
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The Illinois Speech-Language Pathology and  
5 Audiology Practice Act is amended by changing Sections 3.5,  
6 8.5, and 8.6 as follows:

7 (225 ILCS 110/3.5)

8 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2028)

9 Sec. 3.5. Exemptions. This Act does not prohibit:

10 (a) The practice of speech-language pathology or  
11 audiology by students in their course of study in programs  
12 approved by the Department, or the performance of  
13 speech-language pathology assistant services by graduates  
14 who have obtained degrees as set forth in paragraph (2) of  
15 Section 8.5 of the Act, when acting under the direction  
16 and supervision of licensed speech-language pathologists

1 or audiologists.

2 (b) The performance of any speech-language pathology  
3 service by a speech-language pathology assistant or  
4 candidate for licensure as a speech-language pathology  
5 assistant, if such service is performed under the  
6 supervision and full responsibility of a licensed  
7 speech-language pathologist. A speech language pathology  
8 assistant or candidate for speech-language pathology  
9 assistant licensure may perform only those duties  
10 authorized by Section 8.7 under the supervision of a  
11 speech-language pathologist as provided in Section 8.8.

12 (b-5) The performance of an audiology service by an  
13 appropriately trained person if that service is performed  
14 under the supervision and full responsibility of a  
15 licensed audiologist.

16 (c) The performance of audiometric testing for the  
17 purpose of industrial hearing conservation by an  
18 audiometric technician certified by the Council of  
19 Accreditation for Occupational Hearing Conservation  
20 (CAOHC).

21 (d) The performance of an audiometric screening by an  
22 audiometric screenings technician certified by the  
23 Department of Public Health.

24 (e) The selling or practice of fitting, dispensing, or  
25 servicing hearing instruments by a hearing instrument  
26 dispenser licensed under the Hearing Instrument Consumer

1 Protection Act.

2 (f) A person licensed in this State under any other  
3 Act from engaging in the practice for which he or she is  
4 licensed.

5 (g) The performance of vestibular function testing by  
6 an appropriately trained person under the supervision of a  
7 physician licensed to practice medicine in all its  
8 branches.

9 (h) The performance of neurophysiologic intraoperative  
10 monitoring of the seventh and eighth cranial nerve by an  
11 individual certified by the American Board of Registration  
12 of Electroencephalographic and Evoked Potential  
13 Technologists as Certified in Neurophysiologic  
14 Intraoperative Monitoring only if authorized and  
15 supervised by the physician performing the surgical  
16 procedure.

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

18 (225 ILCS 110/8.5)

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

20 Sec. 8.5. Qualifications for licenses as a speech-language  
21 pathology assistant. A person is qualified to be licensed as a  
22 speech-language pathology assistant if that person has applied  
23 in writing or electronically on forms prescribed by the  
24 Department, has paid the required fees, and meets both of the  
25 following criteria:

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

6           (2) Has received either (i) an associate degree from a  
7 speech-language pathology assistant program that has been  
8 approved by the Department and that meets the minimum  
9 requirements set forth in Section 8.6, (ii) a bachelor's  
10 degree and has completed course work from an accredited  
11 college or university that meets the minimum requirements  
12 set forth in Section 8.6, or (iii) a bachelor's degree in  
13 speech-language pathology or communication sciences and  
14 disorders from a regionally or nationally accredited  
15 institution approved by the Department that meets the  
16 minimum requirements set forth in paragraph (2) of  
17 subsection (a) in Section 8.6, and evidence of completion  
18 of at least 100 hours of documented field work supervised  
19 by a licensed speech-language pathologist that is  
20 comparable to field work ~~that~~ completed in a  
21 speech-language pathology assistant program in this State,  
22 and completion of requirements for certification as a  
23 speech-language pathology assistant or completion of an  
24 equivalent program as determined by the Department by  
25 rule.

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

1 (225 ILCS 110/8.6)

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

3 Sec. 8.6. Minimum requirements for speech-language  
4 pathology assistant programs.

5 (a) An applicant for licensure as a speech-language  
6 pathology assistant must have earned 60 semester credit hours  
7 in a program of study that includes general education and the  
8 specific knowledge and skills for a speech-language pathology  
9 assistant. The curriculum of a speech-language pathology  
10 assistant program must include all of the following content,  
11 as further provided by rule promulgated by the Department:

12 (1) Twenty-four semester credit hours in general  
13 education.

14 (2) Thirty-six semester credit hours in technical  
15 content areas designed to provide students with knowledge  
16 and skills required for speech-language pathology  
17 assistants, which must include (i) an introductory or  
18 overview course in ~~of normal processes of communication~~  
19 disorders; (ii) phonetics ~~an overview of communication~~  
20 ~~disorders~~; (iii) speech sound disorders ~~instruction in~~  
21 ~~speech language pathology assistant level service~~  
22 ~~delivery practices~~; (iv) language development ~~instruction~~  
23 ~~in workplace behaviors~~; (v) language disorders ~~cultural~~  
24 ~~and linguistic factors in communication~~; and (vi) anatomy  
25 and physiology of speech and hearing mechanisms

1 ~~observation.~~

2 (3) Completion of at least 100 hours of supervised  
3 field work experiences supervised by a licensed  
4 speech-language pathologist at least 50% of the time when  
5 the student is engaged in contact with the patient or  
6 client. An applicant must obtain written verification  
7 demonstrating successful completion of the required field  
8 work experience, including a description of the setting in  
9 which the training was received and an assessment of the  
10 student's technical proficiency.

11 (b) The Department may promulgate rules that change the  
12 curriculum requirements of subsection (a) in order to reflect  
13 the guidelines for speech-language pathology assistant  
14 programs recommended by the American Speech-Language Hearing  
15 Association.

16 (c) Any applicant for licensure as a speech-language  
17 pathology assistant who applies to the Department prior to the  
18 effective date of this amendatory Act of the 96th General  
19 Assembly or any person who holds a valid license as a  
20 speech-language pathology assistant on the effective date of  
21 this amendatory Act shall not be required to meet the new  
22 minimum requirements for a speech language pathology assistant  
23 program under subsection (a) of this Section 8.6 that are  
24 established by this amendatory Act.

25 (Source: P.A. 96-1315, eff. 7-27-10.)

1           Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect January  
2    1, 2025.".