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100TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY SENATOR KOENIG.

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ADRIANE D. CROUSE, Secretary.

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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Section A. Section 345.050, RSMo, is repealed and one new section
2 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
2 applicant shall submit the application fee and shall furnish evidence of such
3 person's good moral and ethical character, current competence and shall:

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

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

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

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

20 (1) The board shall issue a license to any speech-language pathologist or

21 audiologist who is licensed in another country and who has had no violations,
22 suspension or revocations of a license to practice speech-language pathology or
23 audiology in any jurisdiction; provided that, such person is licensed in a country
24 whose requirements are substantially equal to, or greater than, Missouri at the
25 time the applicant applies for licensure; or

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

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