SECOND REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE BILL NO. 2591

103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE STINNETT.

4165H.01I JOSEPH ENGLER, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To repeal section 345.050, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to licensure requirements for speech-language pathologists.

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

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Section A. Section 345.050, RSMo, is repealed and one new section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 345.050, to read as follows: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. 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 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;
- (3) Present written evidence of completion of a clinical fellowship from supervisors. The experience required by this subdivision shall follow the completion of the requirements of subdivisions (1) and (2) of this section. This period of employment shall be under the direct supervision of a [person who is] licensed [by the state of Missouri in the profession in which the applicant scales to be licensed] speech language methologist in good standing
- 16 which the applicant seeks to be licensed] speech-language pathologist in good standing.

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.

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- 17 Persons applying with an audiology clinical doctoral degree are exempt from this provision;
- 18 and
- 19 (4) Pass an examination promulgated or approved by the board. The board shall
- 20 determine the subject and scope of the examinations.

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