

SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

2016 Regular Session

Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection and International Affairs to Original Senate Bill No. 223 by Senator Claitor

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 2, after "To" insert

"amend and reenact R.S. 37:2659 and to"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, line 4, after "provide" insert

"relative to certain qualifications for licensure by the board; to provide"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 1, line 10, after "Section 1." insert

"R.S. 37:2659 is hereby amended and reenacted and"

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 1, between lines 10 and 11, insert

"§2659. Qualifications for license

A. No individual shall be eligible for licensure by the board as a ~~speech-language pathologist, or an audiologist, or as both,~~ unless the individual:

(1) Is of good moral character.

(2) Holds a ~~master's~~ **doctoral** degree, or equivalent, in ~~speech-language pathology or audiology~~ from an accredited educational ~~institution~~ **program**, as evidenced by the submission of an official transcript, which consists of course work approved by the board ~~in the area in which licensure is sought.~~

(3) Has completed supervised clinical practicum ~~pertinent to the license being sought from~~ **through** an accredited educational ~~institution or its cooperating programs~~ **program**, as evidenced by official documentation from the institution, the content of which shall be approved by the board.

(4) Has passed an examination approved by the board pertinent to the license sought.

~~(5) Presents written evidence from employers or supervisors of at least nine months of full-time supervised postgraduate professional employment, or its part-time equivalent, pertinent to the license being sought. This experience must follow the completion of the requirements set forth in Paragraphs (1) through (3) of this Section.~~

B. No individual shall be eligible for licensure by the board as a speech-language pathologist unless the individual:

(1) Is of good moral character.

(2) Holds a master's degree, or equivalent, in speech-language pathology from an accredited educational program, as evidenced by the submission of an official transcript which consists of course work approved by the board.

(3) Has completed supervised clinical practicum through an accredited educational program, as evidenced by official documentation from the institution, the content of which shall be approved by the board.

(4) Has passed an examination approved by the board pertinent to the area of practice.

(5) Presents written evidence from an employer or supervisor of at least thirty-six weeks of full-time supervised postgraduate professional employment,

1 or its part-time equivalent. This experience must follow the completion of the
2 requirements set forth in Paragraphs (2) and (3) of this Subsection.

3 (6) Individuals holding a baccalaureate degree in speech pathology and
4 a speech pathology license issued pursuant to the law in effect prior to August
5 15, 1995, may continue to renew such license as specified in the rules and
6 regulations as established by the board.

7 C. Individuals who apply for dual licensure in audiology and
8 speech-language pathology must meet the qualifications set forth in Subsections
9 A and B of this Section.

10 D. The board may issue a provisional speech-language pathology license
11 to an individual who:

12 (1) Except for the supervised postgraduate professional experience, meets
13 the requirements for licensure as a speech-language pathologist ~~and/or audiologist~~
14 as provided by Subsection ~~A~~ B of this Section. An individual may not hold such
15 license for more than three years from the date of original issuance.

16 (2) Except for the supervised postgraduate professional experience and the
17 examination requirement, meets the requirements for licensure as a speech-language
18 pathologist and/or audiologist as provided by Subsection ~~A~~ B of this Section. An
19 individual shall fulfill the examination requirement within one year from the date of
20 original issuance. An individual who has passed the examination may have two
21 additional years to complete the postgraduate professional experience.

22 ~~E.~~ E. The board may issue a restricted license to an individual who
23 previously held a restricted license, on or prior to August 15, 1995, and submits
24 proof of such licensure. Such individual may maintain a restricted license in
25 accordance with the requirements for renewal established in R.S. 37:2661.1.

26 ~~D.~~ F. No individual shall be eligible for licensure by the board as a speech-
27 language pathology assistant unless the individual:

28 (1) Is of good moral character.
29 (2) Holds at least a bachelor's degree from an accredited educational
30 institution, as evidenced by the submission of an official transcript and has
31 completed the course work specified by the board.

32 (3) Has completed required supervised clinical practicum from an accredited
33 educational institution or its cooperating programs, as evidenced by official
34 documentation from the institution, the content of which shall be approved by the
35 board, or has completed a combination of supervised clinical practicum from an
36 accredited educational institution or its cooperating program as evidenced by official
37 documentation from the institution, the content of which shall be approved by the
38 board, as well as supervised on-the-job training, the content of which shall be
39 approved by the board.

40 E. G. The board may issue a provisional speech-language pathology assistant
41 license to an individual who, except for the supervised on-the-job training, the
42 content of which shall be approved by the board, meets the requirements for
43 licensure as a speech-language pathology assistant as provided by Subsection ~~D~~ F
44 of this Section. An individual may not hold such provisional license for more than
45 three years from the date of original issuance."
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