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A bill for an act

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relating to health occupations; clarifying requirements for speech language

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pathology assistants; amending licensure fees; appropriating money; amending

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Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 148.512, subdivision 17a; 148.5192, subdivision

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3; 148.5194, subdivisions 2, 3b.

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

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Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 148.512, subdivision 17a, is amended to read:

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Subd. 17a. **Speech-language pathology assistant.** "Speech-language pathology assistant"

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means a person who meets the qualifications under section 148.5181 and provides

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speech-language pathology services under the supervision of a licensed speech-language

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pathologist under sections 122A.183 and 122A.184 or in accordance with section 148.5192.

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Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 148.5192, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

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Subd. 3. **Supervision requirements.** (a) A supervising speech-language pathologist

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shall authorize and accept full responsibility for the performance, practice, and activity of

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a speech-language pathology assistant. The amount and type of supervision required must

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be based on the skills and experience of the speech-language pathology assistant. A minimum

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of one hour every 30 days of consultative supervision time must be documented for each

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speech-language pathology assistant.

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(b) A supervising speech-language pathologist must:

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(1) be licensed under sections 122A.183, 122A.184, or 148.511 to 148.5198;

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(2) hold a certificate of clinical competence from the American Speech-Language-Hearing

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Association or its equivalent as approved by the commissioner; and

(3) have completed at least ten hours of continuing education in supervision.

(c) Once every 60 days, the supervising speech-language pathologist must treat or cotreat with the speech-language pathology assistant each client on the speech-language pathology assistant's caseload.

(d) For purposes of this section, "direct supervision" means observation and guidance by the supervising speech-language pathologist during the performance of a delegated duty that occurs either on-site and in-view or through the use of real-time, two-way interactive audio and visual communication. The supervision requirements described in this section are minimum requirements. Additional supervision requirements may be imposed at the discretion of the supervising speech-language pathologist.

(e) A supervising speech-language pathologist must be available to communicate with a speech-language pathology assistant at any time the assistant is in direct contact with a client.

(f) A supervising speech-language pathologist must document activities performed by the assistant that are directly supervised by the supervising speech-language pathologist. At a minimum, the documentation must include:

(1) information regarding the quality of the speech-language pathology assistant's performance of the delegated duties; and

(2) verification that any delegated clinical activity was limited to duties authorized to be performed by the speech-language pathology assistant under this section.

(g) A supervising speech-language pathologist must review and cosign all informal treatment notes signed or initialed by the speech-language pathology assistant.

(h) A full-time, speech-language pathologist may supervise no more than two full-time, speech-language pathology assistants or the equivalent of two full-time assistants.

Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 148.5194, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

Subd. 2. **Speech-language pathologist licensure fees.** (a) The fee for initial licensure for a speech-language pathologist is ~~\$210.50~~ \$......

(b) The fee for clinical fellowship licensure, doctoral externship, temporary license, or renewal for a speech-language pathologist is ~~\$200~~ \$......

3.1 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 148.5194, subdivision 3b, is amended to read:

3.2 Subd. 3b. **Speech-language pathology assistant licensure fees.** The fee for initial
3.3 licensure as a speech-language pathology assistant is ~~\$493~~ \$...... The fee for licensure
3.4 renewal for a speech-language pathology assistant is ~~\$493~~ \$......

3.5 Sec. 5. **APPROPRIATION.**

3.6 \$..... in fiscal year 2026 is appropriated from the state government special revenue fund
3.7 to implement Minnesota Statutes, sections 148.511 to 148.5198.