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1 HB441
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SYNOPSIS:

Under existing law, the Alabama Board of Examiners for Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology is responsible for establishing, by administrative rule, the minimum qualifications for speech-language pathology assistants.

This bill would require an applicant for registration as an assistant to hold the minimum of an associate's degree in communication disorders or related field in speech-language pathology or audiology in lieu of a bachelor's degree.

A BILL
TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

Relating to the Alabama Board of Examiners for Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology; to add Section 34-28A-21.1 to the Code of Alabama 1975, to provide further for the minimum educational qualifications of a speech-language pathology assistant.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. Section 34-28A-21.1 is added to the Code of Alabama 1975, to read as follows:



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§34-28A-21.1

Any person not eligible for a license under this chapter who assists in the practice of speech-language pathology or audiology under the supervision of a licensed speech-language pathologist or audiologist, must have the minimum of an associate's degree in communication disorders or related field in speech-language pathology and register with the board.

Section 2. This act shall become effective on October 1, 2025.