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Overview

This act modifies one of the methods of registration for a speech-language pathologist or audiologist whose registration with the Health Department has lapsed for more than three years.

- 1 **Lapse of more than three years.** Amends section 148.518, subd. 2. Amends one of the routes a speech-language pathologist or audiologist may take to apply for registration if the person's registration with the Health Department has lapsed for more than three years.

Current law requires in part that under one route for registration following lapse, the applicant for registration must have a speech-language pathology or audiology credential from another jurisdiction with credentialing requirements equal to or higher than those in Minnesota. This bill eliminates the requirement that the jurisdiction's credentialing requirements must be equal to or higher than those in Minnesota, so a credential from any jurisdiction will be sufficient.

Current law also requires the applicant to provide evidence of having satisfied continuing education requirements of the Board of Teaching or another jurisdiction. This bill eliminates that requirement and instead more broadly requires the applicant to have held their credential with the Board of Teaching or another jurisdiction in good standing while the applicant's registration was lapsed in Minnesota.