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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

EIGHTY-SEVENTH SESSION

H. F. No. **1846**

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Education Reform

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to education; conforming speech-language pathology assistant training
1.3 requirements with national guidelines; allowing a speech-language pathologist
1.4 employed in a small rural school district to supervise up to two assistants;
1.5 amending Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 148.5192, subdivision 1.

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

1.7 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 148.5192, subdivision 1, is amended to
1.8 read:

1.9 Subdivision 1. **Delegation requirements.** (a) A licensed speech-language
1.10 pathologist may delegate duties to a speech-language pathology assistant in accordance
1.11 with this section. Duties may only be delegated to an individual who has documented with
1.12 a transcript from an educational institution satisfactory completion of ~~either:~~

1.13 ~~(1) an associate degree from a speech-language pathology assistant program that~~
1.14 ~~is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of~~
1.15 ~~Colleges or its equivalent as approved by the commissioner; or~~

1.16 ~~(2) a bachelor's degree in the discipline of communication sciences or disorders with~~
1.17 ~~additional transcript credit in the area of instruction in assistant-level service delivery~~
1.18 ~~practices and completion of at least 100 hours of supervised field work experience as a~~
1.19 ~~speech-language pathology assistant student.~~

1.20 (b) Notwithstanding paragraph (a), a licensed speech-language pathologist employed
1.21 in a school district located outside the seven-county metropolitan area with fewer than
1.22 2,000 enrolled students may delegate duties to up to two speech-language pathology
1.23 assistants who meet the preparation requirements under paragraph (a).

1.24 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.