With the assistance and advice of the Speech-Language Pathologists and Audiologists Advisory Board, TDLR is proposing to streamline the rules to be more user-friendly, flexible and efficient. Below you will find highlights of the rule changes:

**More User Friendly Rules:**

- License types are now grouped by license requirements.
- Larger rule sections, with multiple subsections, were broken down into smaller rules.
- Unnecessary rules removed based on S.B. 202 statutory changes.

**Greater Flexibility on Supervision Requirements:**

- For Assistants in Speech-Language Pathology, the supervision hours will now be on a monthly basis, instead of a weekly basis.
- For Assistants in Audiology, the supervision hours can now be done on a weekly or monthly basis, instead of just a weekly basis.
- For Assistants in Speech-Language Pathology, the supervisor is required to provide at least 8 hours per month of supervision, with at least 4 hours of which are direct and at least 2 hours of which are in-person and onsite. Telepractice/telehealth provisions may be used for up to 6 hours of supervision without applying for an exception.
- For Assistants in Audiology, the supervisor is required to be onsite at the assistant's employment location for at least 10 hours per week, or 40 hours per month, and provide at least 1 hour per week or 4 hours per month of direct supervision, at the location where the assistant is employed. Telepractice/telehealth provisions may be used in certain situations.

**Online Submission and Reporting Supervisory Hours:**

- To further reduce unnecessary paperwork TDLR has amended the rules to allow for online submission of supervisory statements and hours completed. This will be one on the first projects that TDLR will undertake when the program is transferred.

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