

1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 2797

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend House Bill 2797 by replacing
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The School Code is amended by adding Section
5 14-6.04 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/14-6.04 new)
7 Sec. 14-6.04. Contracting for speech-language pathology
8 services.

9 (a) For purposes of this Section:

10 "Reasonable efforts" means performing all of the
11 following:

12 (1) placing at least 3 employment advertisements
13 for a speech-language pathologist published in the daily
14 newspaper of widest distribution within the school
15 district or cooperative;

16 (2) placing one employment listing in the placement
17 bulletin of a college or university that has a
18 speech-language pathology curriculum and is located in
19 the geographic area of the school district or
20 cooperative; and

21 (3) posting the position for speech-language
22 pathologist on the Illinois Association of School

1 Administrators' job placement service for at least 30
2 days.

3 "Speech-language pathologist" means a person who:

4 (1) holds a master's or doctoral degree with a
5 major emphasis in speech-language pathology from an
6 institution whose course of study was approved or program
7 was accredited by the Council on Academic Accreditation
8 in Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology of the
9 American Speech-Language-Hearing Association or its
10 predecessor; and

11 (2) either (i) has completed a program of study
12 prior to July 1, 2002 that includes course work and
13 supervised clinical experience sufficient in breadth and
14 depth to demonstrate knowledge and skills related to the
15 specific problems, methods, and procedures applicable to
16 students with disabilities in a school setting serving
17 ages 3 to 21 or (ii) meets the content-area standards for
18 speech-language pathologists adopted by the State Board
19 of Education, in consultation with the State Teacher
20 Certification Board.

21 "Speech-language pathology services" means the
22 application of methods and procedures for identifying,
23 measuring, testing, appraising, predicting, and modifying
24 communication development and disorders or disabilities of
25 speech, language, voice, swallowing, and other speech,
26 language, and voice-related disorders for the purpose of
27 counseling, consulting, and rendering services or
28 participating in the planning, directing, or conducting of
29 programs that are designed to modify communicative disorders
30 and conditions in individuals or groups of individuals
31 involving speech, language, voice, and swallowing functions.

32 (b) A school district or a cooperative must make
33 reasonable efforts to employ a speech-language pathologist.
34 While making those reasonable efforts or after unsuccessful

1 reasonable efforts have been made, or both, a school district
2 or cooperative may contract for speech-language pathology
3 services with a speech-language pathologist or an entity that
4 employs speech-language pathologists. A speech-language
5 pathologist who provides speech-language pathology services
6 pursuant to a contract must hold:

7 (1) a speech-language pathology license under the
8 Illinois Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Practice
9 Act; and

10 (2) a certificate under this Code with an
11 endorsement in speech-language pathology.

12 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
13 becoming law."