

1 AN ACT concerning speech-language pathology.

2 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,
3 represented in the General Assembly:

4 Section 5. The School Code is amended by changing
5 Section 14-1.09b as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/14-1.09b)

7 Sec. 14-1.09b. Speech-language pathologist.

8 (a) For purposes of supervision of a speech-language
9 pathology assistant, "speech-language pathologist" means a
10 person who has received a license pursuant to the Illinois
11 Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Practice Act to
12 engage in the practice of speech-language pathology.

13 (b) The School Service Personnel Certificate with a
14 speech-language endorsement shall be issued to a
15 speech-language pathologist who meets all of the following
16 requirements:

17 (1) Holds (A) a regular license as a
18 speech-language pathologist pursuant to the Illinois
19 Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Practice Act, (B)
20 a Certificate of Clinical Competence in speech-language
21 pathology from the American Speech-Language-Hearing
22 Association, or (C) a regular license or certificate in
23 speech-language pathology from another state or territory
24 or the District of Columbia.

25 (2) Holds a master's or doctoral degree from an
26 institution whose program was accredited by the Council
27 on Academic Accreditation in Audiology and
28 Speech-Language Pathology of the American
29 Speech-Language-Hearing Association.

30 (3) Has completed a program of study that includes
31 course work and supervised clinical experience sufficient

1 in breadth and depth to demonstrate knowledge and skills
2 related to the specific problems, methods and procedures
3 applicable to students with disabilities in a school
4 setting serving ages 3 through 21.

5 (4) Has successfully completed the required
6 Illinois certification test.

7 (5) Has paid the application fee required for
8 certification.

9 The provisions of this subsection (b) do not preclude the
10 issuance of a teaching certificate to a speech-language
11 pathologist who qualifies for such a certificate.

12 (Source: P.A. 92-510, eff. 6-1-02.)

13 Section 10. The Illinois Speech-Language Pathology and
14 Audiology Practice Act is amended by changing Section 7 and
15 adding Section 8.1 as follows:

16 (225 ILCS 110/7) (from Ch. 111, par. 7907)

17 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2008)

18 Sec. 7. Licensure requirement.

19 (a) On or after June 1, 1989, no person shall practice
20 speech-language pathology or audiology without first applying
21 for and obtaining a license for such purpose from the
22 Department. Except as provided in this Section, on or after
23 January 1, 2002, no person shall perform the functions and
24 duties of a speech-language pathology assistant without first
25 applying for and obtaining a license for that purpose from
26 the Department.

27 (b) A person who has made application to the Department
28 for a license to practice speech-language pathology or
29 audiology may practice speech-language pathology or audiology
30 without a license pending disposition of the license
31 application by the Department if the person holds a master's
32 or doctoral degree from an institution whose program was

1 accredited by the Council on Academic Accreditation in
 2 Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology of the American
 3 Speech-Language-Hearing Association, and holds either (i) a
 4 Certificate of Clinical Competence from the American
 5 Speech-Language-Hearing Association in speech-language
 6 pathology or audiology or (ii) a regular license to practice
 7 speech-language pathology or audiology under the laws of
 8 another state, a territory of the United States, or the
 9 District of Columbia.

10 (Source: P.A. 92-510, eff. 6-1-02.)

11 (225 ILCS 110/8.1 new)

12 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2008)

13 Sec. 8.1. Temporary license. On and after January 1,
 14 2004, a person who undertakes supervised professional
 15 experience as a speech-language pathologist, as required by
 16 subsection (f) of Section 8 and the rules adopted by the
 17 Department, must obtain a temporary license from the
 18 Department. A temporary license may be issued by the
 19 Department only to an applicant pursuing licensure as a
 20 speech-language pathologist. A temporary license shall be
 21 issued to an applicant upon receipt of documentation on forms
 22 prescribed by the Department demonstrating that a licensed
 23 speech-language pathologist has agreed to supervise the
 24 professional experience of the applicant for temporary
 25 licensure. A temporary license shall be issued for a period
 26 of 12 months and may be renewed only once for good cause
 27 shown.

28 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
 29 becoming law.