

1 AN ACT concerning professional regulation.

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 Sections  
5 14-1.09b and 14-6.04 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 engage  
12 in the practice of speech-language pathology.

13 (b) The School Service Personnel Certificate with a  
14 speech-language endorsement shall be issued under Section  
15 21-25 of this Code to a speech-language pathologist who meets  
16 all of the following requirements:

17 (1) Holds (A) a regular license as a speech-language  
18 pathologist pursuant to the Illinois Speech-Language  
19 Pathology and Audiology Practice Act, (B) a current  
20 Certificate of Clinical Competence in speech-language  
21 pathology from the American Speech-Language-Hearing  
22 Association and a regular license in speech-language  
23 pathology from another state or territory or the District  
24 of Columbia and has applied for a regular license as a  
25 speech-language pathologist pursuant to the Illinois  
26 Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Practice Act, or  
27 (C) a temporary license pursuant to Section 8.1 of the  
28 Illinois Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Practice  
29 Act and has completed an approved program.

30 (2) Holds a master's or doctoral degree with a major  
31 emphasis in speech-language pathology from an institution  
32 whose course of study was approved or 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 or its predecessor.

4 (3) Either (i) has completed a program of study before  
5 July 1, 2002 that includes course work and supervised  
6 clinical experience sufficient in breadth and depth to  
7 demonstrate knowledge and skills related to the specific  
8 problems, methods and procedures applicable to students  
9 with disabilities in a school setting serving ages 3  
10 through 21 or (ii) meets the content area standards for  
11 speech-language pathologists adopted by the State Board of  
12 Education, in consultation with the State Teachers  
13 Certification Board.

14 (4) Has successfully completed the required Illinois  
15 certification tests.

16 (5) Has paid the application fee required for  
17 certification.

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

21 (Source: P.A. 92-510, eff. 6-1-02; 93-112, eff. 1-1-04.)

22 (105 ILCS 5/14-6.04)

23 Sec. 14-6.04. Contracting for speech-language pathology  
24 services.

25 (a) For purposes of this Section:

26 "Reasonable efforts" means performing all of the  
27 following:

28 (1) placing at least 3 employment advertisements for a  
29 speech-language pathologist published in the newspaper of  
30 widest distribution within the school district or  
31 cooperative;

32 (2) placing one employment listing in the placement  
33 bulletin of a college or university that has a  
34 speech-language pathology curriculum that is located in  
35 the geographic area of the school district or cooperative,

1 if any; and

2 (3) posting the position for speech-language  
3 pathologist on the Illinois Association of School  
4 Administrators' job placement service for at least 30 days.

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

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

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

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

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

1 efforts have been made, or both, a school district or  
2 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 or a valid temporary license issued under Section 8.1  
10 of that Act; and

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

13 (Source: P.A. 93-110, eff. 7-8-03.)

14 Section 10. The Illinois Speech-Language Pathology and  
15 Audiology Practice Act is amended by changing Sections 8.1 and  
16 8.5 as follows:

17 (225 ILCS 110/8.1)

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

19 Sec. 8.1. Temporary license. On and after July 1, 2005  
20 ~~January 1, 2004~~, a person who has met the requirements of items  
21 (a) through (e) of Section 8 and intends to undertake  
22 supervised professional experience as a speech-language  
23 pathologist, as required by subsection (f) of Section 8 and the  
24 rules adopted by the Department, must first obtain a temporary  
25 license from the Department. A temporary license may be issued  
26 by the Department only to an applicant pursuing licensure as a  
27 speech-language pathologist in this State. A temporary license  
28 shall be issued to an applicant upon receipt of the required  
29 fee as set forth by rule and documentation on forms prescribed  
30 by the Department demonstrating that a licensed  
31 speech-language pathologist has agreed to supervise the  
32 professional experience of the applicant. A temporary license  
33 shall be issued for a period of 12 months and may be renewed  
34 only once for good cause shown.

1 (Source: P.A. 93-112, eff. 1-1-04.)

2 (225 ILCS 110/8.5)

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

4 Sec. 8.5. Qualifications for licenses as a speech-language  
5 pathology assistant.

6 (a) A person is qualified to be licensed as a  
7 speech-language pathology assistant if that person has applied  
8 in writing on forms prescribed by the Department, has paid the  
9 required fees, and meets both of the following criteria:

10 (1) Is of good moral character. In determining moral  
11 character, the Department may take into consideration any  
12 felony conviction of the applicant, but such a conviction  
13 shall not operate automatically as a complete bar to  
14 licensure.

15 (2) Has received an associate degree from a  
16 speech-language pathology assistant program that has been  
17 approved by the Department and that meets the minimum  
18 requirements set forth in Section 8.6.

19 (b) Until July 1, 2005 ~~January 1, 2004~~, a person holding a  
20 bachelor's level degree in communication disorders who was  
21 employed to assist a speech-language pathologist on June 1,  
22 2002 (the effective date of P.A. 92-510) ~~the effective date of~~  
23 ~~this amendatory Act of the 92nd General Assembly~~ shall be  
24 eligible to receive a license as a speech-language pathology  
25 assistant from the Department upon completion of forms  
26 prescribed by the Department and the payment of the required  
27 fee.

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

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