

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

31 (2) Holds a master's or doctoral degree with a major  
32 emphasis in speech-language pathology from an institution

1 whose course of study was approved or program was  
2 accredited by the Council on Academic Accreditation in  
3 Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology of the American  
4 Speech-Language-Hearing Association or its predecessor.

5 (3) Either (i) has completed a program of study ~~before~~  
6 ~~July 1, 2002~~ that ~~includes course work and supervised~~  
7 ~~clinical experience sufficient in breadth and depth to~~  
8 ~~demonstrate knowledge and skills related to the specific~~  
9 ~~problems, methods and procedures applicable to students~~  
10 ~~with disabilities in a school setting serving ages 3~~  
11 ~~through 21 or (ii)~~ meets the content area standards for  
12 speech-language pathologists approved ~~adopted~~ by the State  
13 Board of Education, in consultation with the State Teachers  
14 Certification Board, (ii) has completed a program in  
15 another state, territory, or possession of the United  
16 States that is comparable to an approved program of study  
17 described in item (i), or (iii) holds a certificate issued  
18 by another state, territory, or possession of the United  
19 States that is comparable to the school service personnel  
20 certificate with a speech-language endorsement. If the  
21 requirements described in items (i), (ii), or (iii) of this  
22 paragraph (3) have not been met, a person must provide  
23 evidence that he or she has completed at least 150 clock  
24 hours of supervised experience in speech-language  
25 pathology with students with disabilities in a school  
26 setting; however, a person who lacks such experience may  
27 obtain interim certification as established by the  
28 Illinois State Board of Education, in consultation with the  
29 State Teacher Certification Board, and shall participate  
30 in school-based professional experience of at least 150  
31 clock hours to meet this requirement.

32 (4) Has successfully completed the required Illinois  
33 certification tests.

34 (5) Has paid the application fee required for  
35 certification.

36 The provisions of this subsection (b) do not preclude the

1 issuance of a teaching certificate to a speech-language  
2 pathologist who qualifies for such a certificate.

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

4 (105 ILCS 5/14-6.04)

5 Sec. 14-6.04. Contracting for speech-language pathology  
6 services.

7 (a) For purposes of this Section:

8 "Reasonable efforts" means performing all of the  
9 following:

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

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

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

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

23 (1) holds a master's or doctoral degree with a major  
24 emphasis in speech-language pathology from an institution  
25 whose course of study was approved or program was  
26 accredited by the Council on Academic Accreditation in  
27 Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology of the American  
28 Speech-Language-Hearing Association or its predecessor;  
29 and

30 (2) either (i) has completed a program of study ~~prior~~  
31 ~~to July 1, 2002 that includes course work and supervised~~  
32 ~~clinical experience sufficient in breadth and depth to~~  
33 ~~demonstrate knowledge and skills related to the specific~~  
34 ~~problems, methods, and procedures applicable to students~~  
35 ~~with disabilities in a school setting serving ages 3 to 21~~

1 ~~or (ii)~~ meets the content-area standards for  
2 speech-language pathologists approved ~~adopted~~ by the State  
3 Board of Education, in consultation with the State Teacher  
4 Certification Board, (ii) has completed a program in  
5 another state, territory, or possession of the United  
6 States that is comparable to an approved program of study  
7 described in item (i), or (iii) holds a certificate issued  
8 by another state, territory, or possession of the United  
9 States that is comparable to the school service personnel  
10 certificate with a speech-language endorsement. If the  
11 requirements described in items (i), (ii), or (iii) of this  
12 paragraph (2) have not been met, a person must provide  
13 evidence that he or she has completed at least 150 clock  
14 hours of supervised experience in speech-language  
15 pathology with students with disabilities in a school  
16 setting; however, a person who lacks such experience may  
17 obtain interim certification as established by the  
18 Illinois State Board of Education, in consultation with the  
19 State Teacher Certification Board, and shall participate  
20 in school-based professional experience of at least 150  
21 clock hours to meet this requirement.

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

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

1 cooperative may contract for speech-language pathology  
2 services with a speech-language pathologist or an entity that  
3 employs speech-language pathologists. A speech-language  
4 pathologist who provides speech-language pathology services  
5 pursuant to a contract must ~~hold~~:

6 (1) hold a speech-language pathology license under the  
7 Illinois Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Practice  
8 Act or hold or have applied for a temporary license issued  
9 under Section 8.1 of that Act; and

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

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

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

16 (225 ILCS 110/8.1)

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

18 Sec. 8.1. Temporary license. On and after July 1, 2005  
19 ~~January 1, 2004~~, a person who has met the requirements of items  
20 (a) through (e) of Section 8 and intends to undertake  
21 supervised professional experience as a speech-language  
22 pathologist, as required by subsection (f) of Section 8 and the  
23 rules adopted by the Department, must first obtain a temporary  
24 license from the Department. A temporary license may be issued  
25 by the Department only to an applicant pursuing licensure as a  
26 speech-language pathologist in this State. A temporary license  
27 shall be issued to an applicant upon receipt of the required  
28 fee as set forth by rule and documentation on forms prescribed  
29 by the Department certifying that his or her professional  
30 experience will be supervised by ~~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.