

August 20, 2004

To the Honorable Members of the  
Illinois Senate  
93rd General Assembly

Pursuant to Article IV, Section 9(e) of the Illinois Constitution of 1970, I hereby return Senate Bill 2395 entitled "AN ACT concerning professional regulation," with the following specific recommendation for change:

on page 2, line 26, and on page 4, line 16, by adding after the word "setting" the following language: "including experience required by federal law or federal court order".

Senate Bill 2395 is an important step toward reducing the shortage of speech language pathologists available to work in Illinois schools, and I applaud the sponsors for their work to solve this problem. However, it is essential that Senate Bill 2395 make clear that all speech language pathologists certified by the State Board of Education must have the expertise required to comply with all federal requirements.

With this change, Senate Bill 2395 will have my approval. I respectfully request your concurrence.

Sincerely,  
s/ROD R. BLAGOJEVICH  
Governor