

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, including experience required by federal law or
27 federal court order; however, a person who lacks such
28 experience may obtain interim certification as established
29 by the Illinois State Board of Education, in consultation
30 with the State Teacher Certification Board, and shall
31 participate in school-based professional experience of at
32 least 150 clock hours to meet this requirement.

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

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

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

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

5 (105 ILCS 5/14-6.04)

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

8 (a) For purposes of this Section:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

15 Section 10. The Illinois Speech-Language Pathology and
16 Audiology Practice Act is amended by changing Sections 8.1 and
17 8.5 as follows:

18 (225 ILCS 110/8.1)

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

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

1 shall be issued for a period of 12 months and may be renewed
2 only once for good cause shown.

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

4 (225 ILCS 110/8.5)

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

6 Sec. 8.5. Qualifications for licenses as a speech-language
7 pathology assistant.

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

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

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

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

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

31 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
32 becoming law.