

AN ACT concerning speech-language pathology.

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

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

(105 ILCS 5/14-1.09b)

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

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

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

(1) Holds (A) a regular license as a speech-language pathologist pursuant to the Illinois Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Practice Act, (B) a current Certificate of Clinical Competence in speech-language pathology from the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association and a regular license in speech-language pathology from another state or territory or the District of Columbia and has applied for a regular license as a speech-language pathologist pursuant to the Illinois Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Practice Act, or (C) a temporary license pursuant to the Illinois Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Practice Act and has completed an approved program.

(2) Holds a master's or doctoral degree with a major

emphasis in speech-language pathology from an institution whose course of study was approved or program was accredited by the Council on Academic Accreditation in Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association or its predecessor.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sec. 7. Licensure requirement.

(a) Except as provided in subsection (b), on or after June 1, 1989, no person shall practice speech-language pathology or audiology without first applying for and

obtaining a license for such purpose from the Department. Except as provided in this Section, on or after January 1, 2002, no person shall perform the functions and duties of a speech-language pathology assistant without first applying for and obtaining a license for that purpose from the Department.

(b) A person holding a regular license to practice speech-language pathology or audiology under the laws of another state, a territory of the United States, or the District of Columbia who has made application to the Department for a license to practice speech-language pathology or audiology may practice speech-language pathology or audiology without a license for 90 days from the date of application or until disposition of the license application by the Department, whichever is sooner, if the person (i) holds a Certificate of Clinical Competence from the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association in speech-language pathology or audiology or, in the case of an audiologist, a certificate from the American Board of Audiology and (ii) has not been disciplined and has no disciplinary matters pending in a state, a territory, or the District of Columbia.

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

(225 ILCS 110/8.1 new)

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

Sec. 8.1. Temporary license. On and after January 1, 2004, a person who has met the requirements of items (a) through (e) of Section 8 and intends to undertake supervised professional experience as a speech-language pathologist, as required by subsection (f) of Section 8 and the rules adopted by the Department, must first obtain a temporary license from the Department. A temporary license may be issued by the Department only to an applicant pursuing licensure as a speech-language pathologist in this State. A temporary

license shall be issued to an applicant upon receipt of the required fee as set forth by rule and documentation on forms prescribed by the Department demonstrating that a licensed speech-language pathologist has agreed to supervise the professional experience of the applicant. A temporary license shall be issued for a period of 12 months and may be renewed only once for good cause shown.

Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect on January 1, 2004.