

1 AN ACT regarding schools.

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 adding Section
5 14-6.04 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/14-6.04 new)

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

9 (a) For purposes of this Section:

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

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

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

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

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

26 (1) holds a master's or doctoral degree with a
27 major emphasis in speech-language pathology from an
28 institution accredited under the auspices of the American
29 Speech-Language-Hearing Association; and

30 (2) either (i) has completed a program of study
31 prior to July 1, 2002 that includes course work and

1 supervised clinical experience sufficient in breadth and
 2 depth to demonstrate knowledge and skills related to the
 3 specific problems, methods, and procedures applicable to
 4 students with disabilities in a school setting serving
 5 ages 3 to 21 or (ii) meets the standards adopted by the
 6 State Board of Education, in consultation with the State
 7 Teacher Certification Board, applicable to students with
 8 disabilities in a school setting serving ages 3 to 21.

9 "Speech-language pathology services" means the
 10 application of methods and procedures for identifying,
 11 measuring, testing, appraising, predicting, and modifying
 12 communication development and disorders or disabilities of
 13 speech, language, voice, swallowing, and other speech,
 14 language, and voice-related disorders for the purpose of
 15 counseling, consulting, and rendering services or
 16 participating in the planning, directing, or conducting of
 17 programs that are designed to modify communicative disorders
 18 and conditions in individuals or groups of individuals
 19 involving speech, language, voice, and swallowing functions.

20 (b) After reasonable efforts have been made to employ a
 21 speech-language pathologist, a school district or cooperative
 22 may contract for speech language pathology services with a
 23 speech-language pathologist or an entity that employs
 24 speech-language pathologists. A speech-language pathologist
 25 who provides speech-language pathology services pursuant to a
 26 contract must hold:

27 (1) a speech-language pathology license under the
 28 Illinois Speech Language Pathology and Audiology Practice
 29 Act; and

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

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