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SENATE ENROLLED ACT No. 189

AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning professions and occupations.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

SECTION 1. IC 25-35.6-1-8.6 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]: **Sec. 8.6. (a) The department of education may issue an emergency communication disorder permit to an individual, as necessary, to serve the needs of students who are eligible for speech and language services under the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act (20 U.S.C. 1400 et seq.).**

(b) To be eligible to receive an emergency communication disorder permit, an individual must:

(1) have a bachelor's degree in speech, language, and hearing sciences or an equivalent bachelor's degree in this subject area; and

(2) be enrolled, and have submitted a verified plan of study, in a graduate program in communication disorders.

(c) The director of a graduate program in communication disorders shall, at the end of each semester or its equivalent, confirm to the department of education, in a manner prescribed by the department of education, that an individual described in subsection (b) who:

(1) is enrolled in the graduate program; and

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(2) holds an emergency communication disorder permit; complies with subsection (b)(2).

(d) An individual who is issued an emergency communication disorder permit shall have accessibility to a licensed speech-language pathologist in order to collaborate on the provision of services at no additional cost to the school corporation.

(e) An individual with an emergency communication disorder permit may not use a title that states or implies that the individual is a licensed speech-language pathologist.

(f) This section expires June 30, 2021.

SECTION 2. [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE] (a) The Indiana professional licensing agency, in consultation with the department of education, the office of educator effectiveness and licensing, the Indiana Council of Administrators of Special Education (ICASE), the Indiana Association of Public School Superintendents (IAPSS), the speech-language pathology and audiology board, and the Indiana Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ISHA), shall:

(1) examine the requirements for licensure as a speech-language pathologist or audiologist in Indiana schools; and

(2) not later than July 1, 2020, issue to the general assembly a report containing recommendations for amendment of IC 25-35.6 to streamline the process for obtaining a license as a speech-language pathologist or audiologist in Indiana schools.

The report issued to the general assembly under this SECTION must be in an electronic format under IC 5-14-6.

(b) This SECTION expires December 31, 2020.

SECTION 3. An emergency is declared for this act.



President of the Senate

President Pro Tempore

Speaker of the House of Representatives

Governor of the State of Indiana

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