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SENATE BILL 1033

43RD LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 1997

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AN ACT

RELATING TO PUBLIC SCHOOLS; AMENDING SECTION 61-14B-8 NMSA 1978
(BEING LAWS 1996, CHAPTER 57, SECTION 8).

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

Section 1. Section 61-14B-8 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1996,
Chapter 57, Section 8) is amended to read:

"61-14B-8. EXEMPTIONS. --

A. Nothing in the Speech Language Pathology,
Audiology and Hearing Aid Dispensing Practices Act shall be
construed to prevent qualified members of other recognized
professions that are licensed, certified or registered under New
Mexico law or regulation from rendering services within the
scope of their license, certificate or registration, provided
they do not represent themselves as holding a license in speech
language pathology, audiology or hearing aid dispensing.

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1 B. Any person not meeting the requirements for
2 licensure as a speech language pathologist or audiologist under
3 the provisions of the Speech Language Pathology, Audiology and
4 Hearing Aid Dispensing Practices Act may practice as a speech
5 pathologist or audiologist [~~until July 1, 1997~~] if:

6 (1) he is employed as a speech pathologist or
7 audiologist on a waiver license issued by the state department
8 of public education [~~prior to the effective date of that act~~];
9 and

10 (2) he is actively seeking the educational
11 requirements for licensure under that act.

12 C. Nothing in the Speech Language Pathology,
13 Audiology and Hearing Aid Dispensing Practices Act prevents
14 qualified members of other recognized professional groups, such
15 as licensed physicians, dentists or teachers of the deaf, from
16 doing appropriate work in the area of communication disorders
17 consistent with the standards and ethics of their respective
18 professions.

19 D. Nothing in the Speech Language Pathology,
20 Audiology and Hearing Aid Dispensing Practices Act restricts the
21 activities and services of a speech language pathology or
22 audiology graduate student at an accredited or approved college
23 or university or an approved clinical training facility;
24 provided that these activities and services constitute part of
25 his supervised course of study and that he is designated as a

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1 speech language pathology or audiology graduate student or other
2 title clearly indicating the training status appropriate to his
3 level of training. "

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