

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
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CHAPTER 688  
HOUSE BILL 988

AN ACT TO AMEND THE LICENSURE ACT FOR SPEECH AND LANGUAGE PATHOLOGISTS AND AUDIOLOGISTS TO EXEMPT CERTAIN ASSISTANT PERSONNEL FROM THE LICENSURE REQUIREMENT IF THEY ARE REGISTERED WITH THE BOARD BY THEIR EMPLOYER.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. G.S. 90-294(b) reads as rewritten:

"(b) No person may practice or hold himself or herself out as being able to practice speech and language pathology or audiology in this State unless ~~such~~the person holds a current, unsuspended, unrevoked license issued by the Board ~~as provided in this Article~~or is registered with the Board as an assistant. The license required by this section shall be kept conspicuously posted in ~~such~~the person's office or place of business at all times. Nothing in this Article, however, shall be construed to prevent a qualified person licensed in this State under any other law from engaging in the profession or occupation for which such person is licensed."

Sec. 2. Article 22 of Chapter 90 of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new section to read:

**"§ 90-298.1. Registered assistant.**

A licensed speech and language pathologist or a licensed audiologist may register with the Board an assistant who works under the licensee's supervision if all of the following requirements are met:

- (1) The assistant meets the qualifications for registered assistants adopted by the Board.
- (2) The licensee who supervises the assistant pays the registration fee set by the Board.

A registration of an assistant must be renewed annually. To renew the registration of an assistant, the licensee who supervises the assistant must submit an application for renewal and pay the renewal fee. An initial or renewal fee for registering an assistant may not exceed the renewal license fee set under G.S. 90-305."

Sec. 3. This act becomes effective July 1, 1995.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 6th day of July, 1994.

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Dennis A. Wicker  
President of the Senate

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