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LLS NO. 10-0187.01 Richard Sweetman

HOUSE BILL 10-1034

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING THE CREDENTIALING OF SCHOOL SPEECH-LANGUAGE  
102 PATHOLOGY ASSISTANTS.

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Bill Summary

*(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://www.leg.state.co.us/billsummaries>.)*

**Interim Committee to Study School Finance.** The bill allows the department of education to issue an emergency authorization to a school speech-language pathology assistant (SLP assistant) who has not yet met the statutory requirements for a school SLP assistant authorization.

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.  
*Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.*  
*Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.*

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1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2           **SECTION 1.** 22-60.5-111 (4) (a), Colorado Revised Statutes, is  
3 amended to read:

4           **22-60.5-111. Authorization - types - applicants' qualifications.**

5 (4) **Emergency authorization.** (a) The department may issue an  
6 emergency authorization to an applicant who is enrolled in an approved  
7 preparation program but has not yet met the requirements for an initial  
8 educator license OR A SCHOOL SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY ASSISTANT  
9 AUTHORIZATION. The department may issue an emergency authorization  
10 if:

11           (I) A school district requests the emergency authorization to  
12 employ a nonlicensed teacher, principal, administrator, ~~or~~ special services  
13 provider, OR SCHOOL SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY ASSISTANT;

14           (II) The requesting school district submits to the department ~~of~~  
15 ~~education~~ documented evidence of a demonstrated need for specific and  
16 essential educational services for students that the applicant would  
17 provide and that would otherwise be unavailable to students in the school  
18 district due to a shortage of licensed educators with appropriate  
19 endorsements; AND

20           (III) The state board of education determines that employment of  
21 the applicant is essential to preservation of the school district's  
22 instructional program and that establishment of a one-year or two-year  
23 alternative teacher preparation program within the school district is not  
24 a practicable solution for resolution of the demonstrated shortage.

25           **SECTION 2. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act  
26 shall take effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the

1 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August  
2 11, 2010, if adjournment sine die is on May 12, 2010); except that, if a  
3 referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the  
4 state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act  
5 within such period, then the act, item, section, or part shall not take effect  
6 unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in  
7 November 2010 and shall take effect on the date of the official  
8 declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.