

TO: Superintendents, Principals, and Directors of Special Education

FROM: Department of Education

DATE: May 4, 2018

RE: Discontinuance of Emergency Permits in Communication Disorders

Since 2007, the Indiana Department of Education has exercised authority provided under IC 25-35.6-1-8.5 to issue and renew Emergency Permits in Communication Disorders for those candidates who hold a bachelor's degree in speech, language and hearing sciences and who are enrolled, and have a verified plan of study, in a graduate program for communication disorders or speech, language and hearing sciences.

This is notice to school employers and Directors of Special Education that the section of Indiana law giving the Department the authority to issue and renew Communication Disorders Emergency Permits expires on June 30, 2018. Consequently, the Office of Educator Licensing will not be able to issue or renew any Emergency Permits in Communication Disorders for the 2018-19 school year and subsequent school years unless future action by the Indiana General Assembly reinstates the IDOE's authority.

Because any changes would involve statutory fix, you are free to contact your state legislators. See who your state legislators are by clicking here: <http://iga.in.gov/legislative/find-legislators/>.