

Amend CSHB 2 as follows:

(1) In ARTICLE 2 of the bill, in PART A (committee printing, page 22, between lines 55 and 56), insert the following appropriately numbered SECTION and renumber subsequent SECTIONS appropriately:

SECTION 2A.____. Subchapter A, Chapter 29, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 29.019 to read as follows:

Sec. 29.019. SPEECH-LANGUAGE INSTRUCTION: ASSISTANTS. (a) This section applies to an assistant who:

(1) has at least three years of experience in speech therapy, as determined by the State Board of Examiners for Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology; and

(2) is supervised by a licensed speech-language pathologist.

(b) An assistant described by Subsection (a) may attend, as related services personnel, a student admission, review, and dismissal committee meeting if the meeting involves a student for whom the assistant provides services. If an assistant attends a meeting as provided by this section, the supervising speech-language pathologist is not required to attend the meeting, except as provided by Subsection (c).

(c) A supervising speech-language pathologist must attend a committee meeting under Subsection (b):

(1) if the purpose of the committee meeting is to develop a student's initial individualized education program under Section 29.005; or

(2) if the purpose of the committee meeting is to consider the student's dismissal, unless the supervising speech-language pathologist has submitted the pathologist's recommendation in writing on or before the date of the meeting.

(d) This section:

(1) does not create, increase, decrease, or otherwise affect a supervising speech-language pathologist's liability for actions taken by an assistant; and

(2) is not a waiver of a school district's sovereign immunity.

(2) In ARTICLE 2 of the bill, strike SECTION 2A.15

(committee printing, page 24, line 47, through page 25, line 32) and renumber subsequent SECTIONS appropriately.

(3) In SECTION 6.01(3) of the bill (committee printing, page 134, line 17), after the semicolon, insert "and".

(4) In SECTION 6.01(4) of the bill (committee printing, page 134, line 19), strike "; and" and substitute ".".

(5) In SECTION 6.01 of the bill, strike Subdivision (5) (committee printing, page 134, lines 20-21).