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8 SYNOPSIS: Under existing law, public education  
9 personnel are exempt from licensure and permitting  
10 by the Alabama Licensure Board for Interpreters and  
11 Translitterators for providing interpreting or  
12 transliteration services to students in emergency  
13 or incidental situations.

14 This bill would also exempt certain members  
15 of the public who, with prior written approval of  
16 the local board of education, provide interpreting  
17 or transliteration services to public school  
18 students in emergency or incidental situations.

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20 A BILL  
21 TO BE ENTITLED  
22 AN ACT

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24 To amend Section 34-16-7, Code of Alabama 1975,  
25 relating to the Alabama Licensure Board for Interpreters and  
26 Translitterators; to exempt members of the public who, with  
27 prior written approval of the local board of education,

1 provide interpreter or transliterator services for public  
2 school students in emergency or incidental situations, from  
3 licensure or permitting by the board.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

5 Section 1. Section 34-16-7 of the Code of Alabama  
6 1975, is amended to read as follows:

7 "§34-16-7.

8 "The following persons shall be exempt from  
9 licensure or permitting pursuant to this chapter:

10 "(1) Any student who is enrolled in a formal  
11 American sign language program, a formal interpreter training  
12 program, or a formal interpreter or transliterator internship  
13 program. The student shall be allowed to interpret or  
14 transliterate as part of his or her training for a maximum of  
15 16 weeks in an educational setting or 120 hours in an agency  
16 or business.

17 "(2) Any person who interprets or transliterates  
18 solely in a church, synagogue, temple, or other religious  
19 setting.

20 "(3) Any person residing outside of the State of  
21 Alabama may provide interpreting and transliterating services  
22 for up to 14 working days per calendar year without a license.

23 "(4) Any person desiring to interpret for  
24 remuneration where circumstances do not allow for fulfillment  
25 of the stated requirements for licensure or permitting may  
26 petition the board for exemption status.

1           "(5) Those public education personnel and State  
2 Department of Rehabilitation personnel, who are not hired as  
3 interpreters and transliterators and who are not as a part of  
4 their job description responsible for providing interpreting  
5 or transliteration services, in circumstances that may  
6 necessitate their function as interpreters and transliterators  
7 in emergency or incidental situations.

8           "(6) ~~All other public~~ Public education personnel  
9 hired prior to March 15, 2000, who provide interpreting and  
10 transliterating services to students. These personnel shall  
11 apply for and receive a permit specifying that their permits  
12 are restricted to interpreting and transliteration services  
13 provided in the public education setting only. The application  
14 for this permit shall be submitted to the board prior to  
15 October 1, 2000. It shall be the responsibility of the permit  
16 holder to annually renew the permit by earning continuing  
17 education units in compliance with the requirements of the  
18 interpreters and transliterators licensure law. If personnel,  
19 who have been grandfathered in pursuant to this subdivision,  
20 for any reason should allow their permits to lapse or expire,  
21 those personnel shall lose all privileges of this exemption  
22 and shall adhere to all requirements of the interpreters and  
23 transliterators licensure law to renew their permits.

24           "(7) A member of the public who, with prior written  
25 approval of the local board of education, provides  
26 interpreting or transliteration services to a student enrolled

1 in and attending a public school in emergency or incidental  
2 situations."

3 Section 2. This act shall become effective on the  
4 first day of the third month following its passage and  
5 approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.