## GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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## **HOUSE BILL 988**

Short Title: Speech Ass't. Program.	(Public)
Sponsors: Representative Nye.	
Referred to: State Government.	

## April 19, 1993

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO AMEND THE SPEECH AND LANGUAGE BOARD CHANGE TO

PERMIT THE DEVELOPMENT OF A LICENSED PARAPROFESSIONAL

ASSISTANT PROGRAM.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

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17 18 Section 1. G.S. 90-294(b) reads as rewritten:

"(b) No person may practice or hold himself out as being able to practice speech and language pathology or audiology in this State unless such person holds a current, unsuspended, unrevoked license issued by the Board as provided in this Article. The license required by this section shall be kept conspicuously posted in such 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. In addition, the Board may develop and implement a paraprofessional speech and language assistant program that will, upon full development and implementation, require that all the licensure provisions of this Article be met before an individual may begin practice as a paraprofessional speech or language assistant."

Sec. 2. This act is effective upon ratification.