

SENATE BILL 233

By Hensley

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49;  
Title 56 and Title 63, relative to speech-language  
pathologists.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1.

The department of education shall survey all LEAs, public charter schools, and state special schools to determine whether there is a sufficient number of speech-language pathologists licensed by the state board of education to meet the needs of students with speech, language, or communication needs in the public schools of this state. The department shall also survey and collect information on the licensed speech-language pathologists' caseloads and workloads, including the number of students evaluated, observed, and assisted per week and the amount of time per week that the pathologists spend in direct contact with students, in individual education program (IEP) meetings, traveling between schools, and completing documentation. The department shall report its findings and recommendations to the education committees of the senate and house of representatives by January 15, 2022.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.