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Executive Director Buckheit:

I am an educational interpreter working for Lancaster Lebanon Intermediate Unit 13. Due to my position, Section 14.105 Personnel of the Chapter 14 Regulations applies directly to me as well as my colleagues all over the state. I am concerned that the EIPA requirement of 3.5 in subsection c (1) is not high enough to ensure quality interpreting services for Deaf and hard of hearing children. I believe that a score of 3.5 is a good start. If possible, I believe that a provision should be added to raise the score requirement to 4.0 after a specific period of time. This proposed period of time would give the interpreters across the state time to work on not only attaining a score of 3.5 on the EIPA but then going beyond.

Additionally, I am concerned with the requirement in subsection c (3). If the state will be asking interpreters to complete 20 hours of training annually, there should be adequate training available. If interpreters will be required to attend trainings, this may be of a significant cost to each individual. In the past, PATTAN has provided trainings for interpreters throughout the year. I would recommend that there is a way that PATTAN or some other entity provide enough hours of training for the interpreters throughout the state.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Thank You
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