**LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES 2019**

**Senate Bill 189 (Emergency Permits for Communication Disorders)**

* Re-creates and then phases-out Emergency Permits for Communication Disorders in schools for 2 years.
* Emergency Permits are given to bachelor’s level individuals who do not have the education and training to be SLPs (master’s level).
* Children are short-changed when using Emergency Permits.
* Better solution is to use SLP Assistants who are supervised by SLPs.
* 83% of schools use SLPAs rather than Emergency Permits.
* Passed Senate.
* ISHA supports the phase-out.