



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 198

LCO No. 1133



Referred to Committee on HUMAN SERVICES

Introduced by:
(HS)

AN ACT CONCERNING THE ADVISORY BOARD FOR PERSONS WHO ARE DEAF, HARD OF HEARING OR DEAFBLIND.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 46a-28 of the 2022 supplement to
2 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
3 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2022*):

4 (a) The Advisory Board for Persons Who are Deaf, Hard of Hearing
5 or Deafblind shall consist of the following members: (1) The consultant
6 appointed by the State Board of Education in accordance with section
7 10-316a, or the consultant's designee; (2) the president of the
8 Connecticut Council of Organizations Serving the Deaf, or the
9 president's designee; (3) the president of the Connecticut Association of
10 the Deaf, or the president's designee; (4) the president of the Connecticut
11 Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf, or the president's designee; (5) the
12 Commissioner of Aging and Disability Services, or the commissioner's
13 designee; (6) the executive director of the American School for the Deaf,
14 or the executive director's designee; (7) [the Governor's liaison to the
15 disability community; (8)] the director of the Connecticut Chapter of We

16 the Deaf People; and [(9)] (8) eight members appointed by the Governor
17 as follows: (A) A person who is deaf; (B) a person who is hard of hearing;
18 (C) a person who is deafblind; (D) an interpreting professional who
19 serves deaf, hard of hearing or deafblind persons; (E) a healthcare
20 professional who works with persons who are deaf, hard of hearing or
21 deafblind; (F) a parent of a student in a predominantly oral education
22 program; (G) an educator who works with children who are deaf, hard
23 of hearing or deafblind; and (H) a parent of a student at the American
24 School for the Deaf. [The Commissioner of Aging and Disability
25 Services, the Governor's liaison to the disability community and a
26 member chosen by the majority of the board shall be the chairpersons of
27 the advisory board.] The members of the advisory board shall elect two
28 chairpersons of the advisory board from among the members of the
29 advisory board.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2022	46a-28(a)

Statement of Purpose:

To revise membership of The Advisory Board for Persons Who Are Deaf, Hard of Hearing or Deafblind and the process for electing chairpersons of said board.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]