



**Senate Bill No. 198**

**Public Act No. 22-21**

**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:

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 Subsection (a) of section 46a-28 of the 2022 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2022*):

(a) The Advisory Board for Persons Who are Deaf, Hard of Hearing or Deafblind shall consist of the following members: (1) The consultant appointed by the State Board of Education in accordance with section 10-316a, or the consultant's designee; (2) the president of the Connecticut Council of Organizations Serving the Deaf, or the president's designee; (3) the president of the Connecticut Association of the Deaf, or the president's designee; (4) the president of the Connecticut Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf, or the president's designee; (5) the Commissioner of Aging and Disability Services, or the commissioner's designee; (6) the executive director of the American School for the Deaf, or the executive director's designee; (7) [the Governor's liaison to the disability community; (8)] the director of the Connecticut Chapter of We the Deaf People; and [(9)] (8) eight members appointed by the Governor as follows: (A) A person who is deaf; (B) a person who is hard of hearing; (C) a person who is deafblind; (D) an interpreting professional who

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serves deaf, hard of hearing or deafblind persons; (E) a healthcare professional who works with persons who are deaf, hard of hearing or deafblind; (F) a parent of a student in a predominantly oral education program; (G) an educator who works with children who are deaf, hard of hearing or deafblind; and (H) a parent of a student at the American School for the Deaf. [The Commissioner of Aging and Disability Services, the Governor's liaison to the disability community and a member chosen by the majority of the board shall be the chairpersons of the advisory board.] The members of the advisory board shall elect two chairpersons of the advisory board from among the members of the advisory board.

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