



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2 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  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)

**HS**      *Joint Favorable*