



General Assembly

Amendment

January Session, 2021

LCO No. 8013



Offered by:

REP. ABERCROMBIE, 83rd Dist.

SEN. MOORE, 22nd Dist.

To: Subst. House Bill No. 6637

File No. 509

Cal. No. 376

"AN ACT CONCERNING A MENTAL HEALTH BILL OF RIGHTS FOR DEAF, DEAFBLIND AND HARD OF HEARING PERSONS."

1 Strikes lines 58 to 59 in their entirety and insert the following in lieu
2 thereof:

3 "provisions of the general statutes, federal law, the Constitution of
4 the state and the"

5 Strike section 5 in its entirety and insert the following in lieu thereof:

6 "Sec. 5. Subsection (a) of section 46a-28 of the general statutes is
7 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
8 *2021*):

9 (a) The Advisory Board for Persons Who are Deaf, [or] Hard of
10 Hearing or Deafblind shall consist of the following [sixteen members
11 appointed by the Governor] members: (1) The consultant appointed by
12 the State Board of Education in accordance with section 10-316a, or the
13 consultant's designee; (2) the president of the Connecticut Council of

14 Organizations Serving the Deaf, or the president's designee; (3) the
15 president of the Connecticut Association of the Deaf, or the president's
16 designee; (4) the president of the Connecticut Registry of Interpreters
17 for the Deaf, or the president's designee; (5) the Commissioner of Aging
18 and Disability Services, or the commissioner's designee; (6) the
19 executive director of the American School for the Deaf, or the executive
20 director's designee; (7) [a parent of a student in a predominantly oral
21 education program] the Governor's liaison to the disability community;
22 (8) [a parent of a student at the American School for the Deaf; (9) a] the
23 director of the Connecticut Chapter of We the Deaf People; and (9) eight
24 members appointed by the Governor as follows: (A) A person who is
25 deaf; [(10)] (B) a person who is hard of hearing; [(11)] (C) a person who
26 is [deaf and blind] deafblind; [(12)] (D) an interpreting professional who
27 serves deaf, [or] hard of hearing or deafblind persons; [(13)] (E) a
28 healthcare professional who works with persons who are deaf, [or] hard
29 of hearing or deafblind; [(14) the Governor's liaison to the disability
30 community; (15)] (F) a parent of a student in a predominantly oral
31 education program; (G) an educator who works with children who are
32 deaf, [or] hard of hearing or deafblind; and [(16) the director of the
33 Connecticut Chapter of We the Deaf People] (H) a parent of a student at
34 the American School for the Deaf. The Commissioner of Aging and
35 Disability Services, the Governor's liaison to the disability community
36 and a member chosen by the majority of the board shall be the
37 chairpersons of the advisory board."