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## Suggested amendments to SB 164

### Sec. 11

1. The Office shall establish and maintain a program for persons who are deaf or hard of hearing.
2. Within this program, the Office may provide the following services to persons who are deaf or hard of hearing:
  - a) Advocacy in the areas of:
    - b) Elementary, secondary and post-secondary education
    - c) Educational support services
    - d) State judicial systems
    - e) Vocational Rehabilitation
    - f) Total communication access through use of interpreters;
  - 3) Information & Referral to all state and local government agencies, public safety enforcement agencies, drug and alcohol rehabilitation programs, and legal aid programs;
  - 4) Instruction in skills required for independent living;
  - 5) Deaf Awareness to the general public;

## Sec. 21A

1. The Advisory Committee on Deaf and Hard of Hearing Individuals, consisting of 7 individuals, is hereby created.
2. The Administrator shall appoint to the Advisory Committee:
  - (a) One member who is an employee of the Department of Human Resources and participates in the administration of the state program providing services to the individuals with communication disabilities.
  - (b) One member who is a member of the Nevada Association of the Deaf.
  - (c) One member who represents the Hard of Hearing population
  - (d) One member who represents the interests of the deaf and hard of hearing educators in this state.
  - (e) One member who is a person professionally qualified in the field of deafness.
  - (f) Two members at large with backgrounds in deafness and work with deaf individuals through a state agency or state-wide organization.
3. After the initial appointments, each member of the Committee will serve a term of 3 years. (Staggered terms?)
4. The Committee shall elect one of its members to serve as Chairman
5. Members of the Committee serve without compensation and are not entitled to receive per diem allowance or travel expenses provided for state officers and employees generally, except that members of the Committee may receive any per diem allowance and travel expenses that may be authorized by the Committee if the payment of the per diem allowance and travel expenses:
  - (a) Is made from money received by the Committee from a source other than the State of Nevada; and
  - (b) Is not inconsistent with any condition attached to the acceptance of that money.
6. The Committee may:
  - (a) Make recommendations to the Administrator and the Office of Disability Services established pursuant to section 5 of this act relating to the establishment and operation of any program for persons with communication (aural) disabilities.
  - (b) Make recommendations to the Administrator and the Office of Disability Services established pursuant to section 5 of this act concerning proposed legislation relating to persons with communication (aural) disabilities.
  - (c) Collect information relating to persons with communication (aural) disabilities.
  - (d) Apply for grants
  - (e) Accept and expend any money available to the Committee by gift, grant, donation or bequest.

7. The Committee shall prepare a report of its activities and recommendations each year and submit a copy to the:
  - (a) Director of the Department;
  - (b) Administrator;
  - (c) Office of Disability Services established pursuant to section 5 of this act
  - (d) Legislative Committee on Health Care; and
  - (e) Legislative Commission.