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House File 332
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Vote: Ayes 90 Nays 0 Vote: Ayes 41 Nays 3

Approved 5-12-75

motion to reconsider filed 3/25 (743) withdrawn 4/1 (817)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act to establish a service program for the deaf within the de-
2 partment of health.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. DEFINITIONS. As used in this
2 Act, unless the context otherwise requires:

3 1. "Deaf people" means persons who are hearing handicapped
4 and who because of the handicap are unable to avail themselves
5 of one or more community services.

6 2. "Service projects" include referral and counseling
7 services for deaf people in the areas of adult education,
8 legal aid, employment, medical, finance, housing, recreation
9 and other personal assistance and social programs.

10 3. "Resource workers" are persons who, on a volunteer
11 basis or for compensation, carry out service projects.

12 4. "Advisory committee" means the advisory committee on
13 the deaf established in section three (3) of this Act.

14 5. "Commissioner" means the commissioner of public health.

15 Sec. 2. NEW SECTION. ESTABLISHMENT. There is established
16 within the department of health a service program for the
17 deaf. The commissioner shall appoint a full-time director
18 of the service program who shall be proficient in the use
19 of sign language and knowledgeable in the problems of deaf
20 persons. The director shall administer all service projects
21 authorized by the commissioner.

22 Sec. 3. NEW SECTION. ADVISORY COMMITTEE. There is created
23 an advisory committee on the deaf to consist of seven members
24 appointed by the governor. Lists of nominees for appointment
25 to membership on the advisory committee shall be submitted
26 by the Iowa association for the deaf, the Iowa school for
27 the deaf, and the governor's committee on employment of the
28 handicapped. At least four members shall be deaf persons
29 who are not able to hear and understand speech. All members
30 shall reside in Iowa.

31 Sec. 4. NEW SECTION. TERMS. Members of the advisory
32 committee shall be appointed for terms of three years, except
33 that terms of the initial appointees shall be staggered so
34 that two members are appointed for terms of one year, two
35 members for terms of two years, and three members for terms

1 of three years. Vacancies shall be filled for the unexpired
2 term in the manner of the original appointment. Members shall
3 not serve more than two consecutive terms.

4 Sec. 5. NEW SECTION. DUTIES OF THE COMMISSIONER. The
5 commissioner, with the advice of the advisory committee,
6 shall:

7 1. Interpret to communities and to interested persons
8 the needs of the deaf and how their needs may be met through
9 the use of resource workers.

10 2. Obtain without additional cost to the state available
11 office space in public and private agencies which resource
12 workers may utilize in carrying out service projects.

13 3. Establish service projects throughout the state. No
14 projects shall be undertaken by resource workers for
15 compensation which would duplicate existing services when
16 those services are available to deaf people through paid
17 interpreters or other persons able to communicate with deaf
18 people.

19 4. Identify agencies, both public and private, which
20 provide community services, evaluate the extent to which they
21 make services available to deaf people and cooperate with
22 the agencies in coordinating and extending these services.

23 5. Collect information concerning deaf people and provide
24 for the dissemination of the information.

25 6. Provide for the mutual exchange of ideas and information
26 on services for deaf people between federal, state and local
27 governmental agencies and private organizations and
28 individuals.

29 7. Make an annual report to the governor with
30 recommendations for expanding services to deaf people through
31 the operations of the service program established in this
32 Act.

33 Sec. 6. NEW SECTION. GRANTS AND GIFTS RECEIVED. The
34 commissioner may receive federal funds or private grants and
35 gifts for use in the service program for the deaf. All federal

1 funds, grants and gifts shall be used only for the purposes
2 agreed upon as conditions for receiving the funds, grants
3 and gifts.

4 EXPLANATION

5 The bill establishes a service program for the deaf within
6 the department of health. An advisory committee on the deaf
7 is provided for, with members of the committee to be appointed
8 by the governor. The commissioner of public health is required
9 to establish service projects for the deaf throughout the
10 state which would be carried out by resource workers on a
11 volunteer basis or for compensation.

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- 1 Amend House File 332 as follows:
- 2 1. Page 1, by striking lines 3, 4 and 5 and
- 3 inserting in lieu thereof the following:
- 4 "1. "Deaf" or "deafness" refers to a hearing
- 5 handicap which impairs the ability of the handicapped
- 6 person to avail himself or herself of one or more
- 7 community services."
- 8 2. Page 1, line 6, by inserting after the word
- 9 "include" the words "interpretation services for
- 10 persons who are deaf,".
- 11 3. Page 1, line 28, by striking the word "deaf".
- 12 4. Page 1, line 29, by striking everything before
- 13 the period in that line and inserting in lieu thereof
- 14 the words "to whom human speech is unintelligible
- 15 with or without use of amplification".
- 16 5. Page 2, line 3, by inserting after the period
- 17 the words "Members of the advisory committee shall
- 18 serve without compensation, but shall receive reim-
- 19 bursement for the actual and necessary expenses
- 20 incurred in the performance of their official duties
- 21 as members of the committee."
- 22 6. Page 2, line 23, by striking the words "deaf
- 23 people" and inserting in lieu thereof the word
- 24 "deafness".
- 25 7. Page 2, line 30, by striking the word
- 26 "expanding" and inserting in lieu thereof the word
- 27 "extending".

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MARCH 7, 1975

BY COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RESOURCES
HIGGINS of Scott, Chairman

HOUSE FILE 332

AN ACT

TO ESTABLISH A SERVICE PROGRAM FOR THE DEAF WITHIN THE
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH.

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3. "Resource workers" are persons who, on a volunteer basis or for compensation, carry out service projects.
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DALE M. COCHRAN
Speaker of the House

ARTHUR A. NEU
President of the Senate

I hereby certify that this bill originated in the House and is known as House File 332, Sixty-sixth General Assembly.

DAVID L. WRAY
Chief Clerk of the House

Approved 5/12, 1975

ROBERT D. RAY
Governor