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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the terminology used in relation to the deaf
2 and hard-of-hearing persons.

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

1 Section 1. Section 34.2, subsection 4, Code 2020, is amended
2 to read as follows:

3 4. A 911 system shall be capable of transmitting requests
4 for law enforcement, fire fighting, and emergency medical
5 and ambulance services to a public safety agency or agencies
6 that provide the requested service at the place where the call
7 originates. A 911 system may also provide for transmitting
8 requests for emergency management, poison control, suicide
9 prevention, and other emergency services. The public safety
10 answering point shall be capable of receiving calls from deaf
11 and hard-of-hearing persons through a telecommunications device
12 for the deaf and hard of hearing. Conferencing capability
13 with counseling, aid to persons with disabilities, and other
14 services as deemed necessary for identifying appropriate
15 emergency response services may be provided by the 911 service.

16 A public safety answering point may transmit emergency
17 response requests to private safety entities.

18 Sec. 2. Section 34A.9, Code 2020, is amended to read as
19 follows:

20 **34A.9 Telecommunications devices for the speech impaired and
21 ~~hearing-impaired~~ hard of hearing.**

22 Each public safety answering point shall provide for the
23 installation and use of telecommunications devices for the
24 speech impaired and ~~hearing-impaired~~ hard of hearing.

25 Sec. 3. Section 48A.19, subsection 1, paragraph b,
26 subparagraph (1), subparagraph division (c), Code 2020, is
27 amended to read as follows:

28 (c) Office of deaf and hard-of-hearing services of the
29 department of human rights or its successor agency.

30 Sec. 4. Section 70A.14, subsection 3, paragraph c, Code
31 2020, is amended to read as follows:

32 c. In the case of employees at the Iowa school for the
33 deaf and hard of hearing and the Iowa braille and sight saving
34 school, twenty-five or more participants.

35 Sec. 5. Section 70A.17A, subsection 1, paragraph d,

1 subparagraph (3), Code 2020, is amended to read as follows:

2 (3) Twenty-five or more state officers or employees
3 employed at the Iowa school for the deaf and hard of hearing or
4 at the Iowa braille and sight saving school.

5 Sec. 6. Section 135L.2, subsection 1, paragraph a,
6 subparagraph (1), Code 2020, is amended to read as follows:

7 (1) A video, to be developed by a person selected through a
8 request for proposals process or other contractual agreement,
9 which provides information regarding the various options
10 available to a pregnant minor with regard to the pregnancy,
11 including a decision to continue the pregnancy to term and
12 retain parental rights following the child's birth, a decision
13 to continue the pregnancy to term and place the child for
14 adoption following the child's birth, and a decision to
15 terminate the pregnancy through abortion. The video shall
16 provide the information in a manner and language, including
17 but not limited to the use of closed captioning for the
18 ~~hearing-impaired~~ hard of hearing, which could be understood by
19 a minor.

20 Sec. 7. Section 147.14, subsection 1, paragraph u, Code
21 2020, is amended to read as follows:

22 u. For sign language interpreting and transliterating, four
23 members licensed to practice interpreting and transliterating,
24 three of whom shall be practicing interpreters and
25 transliterators at the time of appointment to the board and
26 at least one of whom is employed in an educational setting;
27 and three members who are consumers of interpreting or
28 transliterating services as defined in [section 154E.1](#), each of
29 whom shall be deaf or hard of hearing.

30 Sec. 8. Section 216A.1, subsection 1, paragraph a,
31 subparagraph (4), Code 2020, is amended to read as follows:

32 (4) Office of deaf and hard-of-hearing services.

33 Sec. 9. Section 216A.3, subsection 2, paragraph a, Code
34 2020, is amended to read as follows:

35 a. The voting members shall consist of nine voting members

1 selected by each of the permanent commissions within the
2 department, and two voting members, appointed by the governor.
3 For purposes of this paragraph "a", "permanent commissions"
4 means the commission of Latino affairs, commission on the
5 status of women, commission of persons with disabilities,
6 commission on community action agencies, commission of deaf and
7 hard-of-hearing services, justice advisory board, commission
8 on the status of African Americans, commission of Asian and
9 Pacific Islander affairs, and commission of Native American
10 affairs. The term of office for voting members is four years.

11 Sec. 10. Section 216A.111, Code 2020, is amended to read as
12 follows:

13 **216A.111 Definitions.**

14 For purposes of [this subchapter](#), unless the context
15 otherwise requires:

16 1. "Commission" means the commission of deaf and
17 hard-of-hearing services.

18 2. "Office" means the office of deaf and hard-of-hearing
19 services of the department of human rights.

20 Sec. 11. Section 216A.112, Code 2020, is amended to read as
21 follows:

22 **216A.112 Office of deaf and hard-of-hearing services.**

23 The office of deaf and hard-of-hearing services is
24 established, and shall do all of the following:

25 1. Serve as the central permanent agency to advocate for
26 persons who are deaf or hard of hearing.

27 2. Coordinate and cooperate with the efforts of state
28 departments and agencies to serve the needs of persons who are
29 deaf or hard of hearing in participating fully in the economic,
30 social, and cultural life of the state, and provide direct
31 assistance to individuals who request it.

32 3. Develop, coordinate, and assist other public or private
33 organizations which serve persons who are deaf or hard of
34 hearing.

35 4. Serve as an information clearinghouse on programs and

1 agencies operating to assist persons who are deaf or hard of
2 hearing.

3 Sec. 12. Section 216A.113, Code 2020, is amended to read as
4 follows:

5 **216A.113 Deaf and hard-of-hearing services commission**
6 **established.**

7 1. The commission of deaf and hard-of-hearing services
8 is established, and shall consist of seven voting members
9 appointed by the governor, subject to confirmation by the
10 senate pursuant to [section 2.32](#). Membership of the commission
11 shall include at least four members who are deaf and who cannot
12 hear human speech with or without use of amplification and at
13 least one member who is hard of hearing. All members shall
14 reside in Iowa.

15 2. Members of the commission shall serve four-year
16 staggered terms which shall begin and end pursuant to section
17 69.19. Members whose terms expire may be reappointed.
18 Vacancies on the commission may be filled for the remainder
19 of the term in the same manner as the original appointment.
20 Members shall receive actual expenses incurred while serving in
21 their official capacity, subject to statutory limits. Members
22 may also be eligible to receive compensation as provided in
23 section 7E.6.

24 3. Members of the commission shall appoint a chairperson
25 and vice chairperson and other officers as the commission
26 deems necessary. The commission shall meet at least quarterly
27 during each fiscal year. A majority of the members currently
28 appointed to the commission shall constitute a quorum. A
29 quorum shall be required for the conduct of business of the
30 commission, and the affirmative vote of a majority of the
31 currently appointed members is necessary for any substantive
32 action taken by the commission. A member shall not vote on any
33 action if the member has a conflict of interest on the matter,
34 and a statement by the member of a conflict of interest shall
35 be conclusive for this purpose.

1 Sec. 13. Section 235A.15, subsection 2, paragraph c,
2 subparagraph (5), Code 2020, is amended to read as follows:

3 (5) To the superintendent of the school for the deaf and
4 hard of hearing if the data concerns a person employed or being
5 considered for employment or living in the school.

6 Sec. 14. Section 256B.3, subsection 9, Code 2020, is amended
7 to read as follows:

8 9. To cooperate with existing agencies such as the
9 department of human services, the Iowa department of public
10 health, the state school for the deaf and hard of hearing, the
11 Iowa braille and sight saving school, the children's hospitals,
12 or other agencies concerned with the welfare and health of
13 children requiring special education in the coordination of
14 their educational activities for such children.

15 Sec. 15. Section 261E.2, subsection 10, Code 2020, is
16 amended to read as follows:

17 10. "Student" means any individual enrolled in grades nine
18 through twelve in a school district who meets the criteria in
19 section 261E.3, subsection 1. "Student" includes an individual
20 attending an accredited nonpublic school or the Iowa school
21 for the deaf and hard of hearing or the Iowa braille and sight
22 saving school for purposes of [sections 261E.4](#) and [261E.6](#).

23 Sec. 16. Section 261E.6, subsections 3, 4, and 6, Code 2020,
24 are amended to read as follows:

25 3. *Authorization.* To participate in this program, an
26 eligible student shall make application to an eligible
27 postsecondary institution to allow the eligible student to
28 enroll for college credit in a nonsectarian course offered at
29 the institution. A comparable course, as defined in rules
30 adopted by the board of directors of the school district
31 consistent with department administrative rule, must not be
32 offered by the school district or accredited nonpublic school
33 the student attends. A course is ineligible for purposes
34 of [this section](#) if the school district has a contractual
35 agreement with the eligible postsecondary institution under

1 section 261E.8 that meets the requirements of section 257.11,
2 subsection 3, and the course may be delivered through such an
3 agreement in accordance with [section 257.11, subsection 3](#).
4 If the postsecondary institution accepts an eligible student
5 for enrollment under [this section](#), the institution shall send
6 written notice to the student, the student's parent or legal
7 guardian in the case of a minor child, and the student's school
8 district or accredited nonpublic school and the school district
9 in the case of a nonpublic school student, or the Iowa school
10 for the deaf and hard of hearing, or the Iowa braille and
11 sight saving school. The notice shall list the course, the
12 clock hours the student will be attending the course, and the
13 number of hours of college credit that the eligible student
14 will receive from the eligible postsecondary institution upon
15 successful completion of the course.

16 4. *Credits.*

17 a. A school district, the Iowa school for the deaf and
18 hard of hearing, the Iowa braille and sight saving school, or
19 accredited nonpublic school shall grant high school credit to
20 an eligible student enrolled in a course under [this chapter](#)
21 if the eligible student successfully completes the course as
22 determined by the eligible postsecondary institution. The
23 board of directors of the school district, the board of regents
24 for the Iowa school for the deaf and hard of hearing and the
25 Iowa braille and sight saving school, or authorities in charge
26 of an accredited nonpublic school shall determine the number
27 of high school credits that shall be granted to an eligible
28 student who successfully completes a course. Eligible students
29 may take up to seven semester hours of credit during the summer
30 months when school is not in session and receive credit for
31 that attendance, if the student pays the cost of attendance for
32 those summer credit hours.

33 b. The high school credits granted to an eligible
34 student under [this section](#) shall count toward the graduation
35 requirements and subject area requirements of the school

1 district of residence, the Iowa school for the deaf and hard
2 of hearing, the Iowa braille and sight saving school, or
3 accredited nonpublic school of the eligible student. Evidence
4 of successful completion of each course and high school credits
5 and college credits received shall be included in the student's
6 high school transcript.

7 6. *Definition.* For purposes of [this section](#) and section
8 261E.7, unless the context otherwise requires, "*eligible*
9 *student*" means a student classified by the board of directors
10 of a school district, by the state board of regents for pupils
11 of the Iowa school for the deaf and hard of hearing and the
12 Iowa braille and sight saving school, or by the authorities
13 in charge of an accredited nonpublic school as a ninth or
14 tenth grade student who is identified according to the school
15 district's gifted and talented criteria and procedures,
16 pursuant to [section 257.43](#), as a gifted and talented child,
17 or an eleventh or twelfth grade student, during the period
18 the student is participating in the postsecondary enrollment
19 options program.

20 Sec. 17. Section 261E.7, subsection 1, unnumbered paragraph
21 1, Code 2020, is amended to read as follows:

22 Not later than June 30 of each year, a school district
23 shall pay a tuition reimbursement amount to a postsecondary
24 institution that has enrolled its resident eligible
25 students under [this chapter](#), unless the eligible student is
26 participating in open enrollment under [section 282.18](#), in which
27 case, the tuition reimbursement amount shall be paid by the
28 receiving district. However, if a child's residency changes
29 during a school year, the tuition shall be paid by the district
30 in which the child was enrolled as of the date specified in
31 [section 257.6](#), subsection 1, or the district in which the child
32 was counted under [section 257.6, subsection 1](#), paragraph "a",
33 subparagraph (6). For students enrolled at the Iowa school for
34 the deaf and hard of hearing and the Iowa braille and sight
35 saving school, the state board of regents shall pay a tuition

1 reimbursement amount by June 30 of each year. The amount of
2 tuition reimbursement for each separate course shall equal the
3 lesser of:

4 Sec. 18. Section 262.7, subsection 5, Code 2020, is amended
5 to read as follows:

6 5. The state school for the deaf and hard of hearing.

7 Sec. 19. Section 262.9, subsections 2 and 21, Code 2020, are
8 amended to read as follows:

9 2. Elect a president of each of the institutions of higher
10 learning; a superintendent of each of the other institutions;
11 a treasurer and a secretarial officer for each institution
12 annually; professors, instructors, officers, and employees;
13 and fix their compensation. Sections 279.12 through 279.19
14 and section 279.27 apply to employees of the Iowa braille and
15 sight saving school and the state school for the deaf and hard
16 of hearing, who are licensed pursuant to chapter 272. In
17 following those sections in chapter 279, the references to
18 boards of directors of school districts shall be interpreted to
19 apply to the board of regents.

20 21. Establish a hall of fame for distinguished graduates at
21 the Iowa braille and sight saving school and at the Iowa school
22 for the deaf and hard of hearing.

23 Sec. 20. Section 262.43, Code 2020, is amended to read as
24 follows:

25 **262.43 Students residing on state-owned land.**

26 The state board of regents shall pay to the local school
27 boards the tuition payments and transportation costs, as
28 otherwise authorized by statutes for the elementary or high
29 school education of students residing on land owned by the
30 state and under the control of the state board of regents.
31 Such payments for the three institutions of higher learning,
32 the state university of Iowa, the Iowa state university of
33 science and technology, and the university of northern Iowa,
34 shall be made from the funds of the respective institutions
35 other than state appropriations, and for the two noncollegiate

1 institutions, the Iowa braille and sight saving school and the
2 state school for the deaf and hard of hearing, the payments and
3 costs shall be paid from moneys appropriated to the state board
4 of regents.

5 Sec. 21. Section 263.11, subsection 2, Code 2020, is amended
6 to read as follows:

7 2. Persons who are not eligible for admission to the schools
8 already established for persons with an intellectual disability
9 or epilepsy or persons who are deaf or hard of hearing or
10 blind.

11 Sec. 22. Section 263.21, Code 2020, is amended to read as
12 follows:

13 **263.21 Transfer of patients from state institutions.**

14 The director of the department of human services, in respect
15 to institutions under the director's control, the administrator
16 of any of the divisions of the department, in respect to the
17 institutions under the administrator's control, the director of
18 the department of corrections, in respect to the institutions
19 under the department's control, and the state board of regents,
20 in respect to the Iowa braille and sight saving school and the
21 Iowa school for the deaf and hard of hearing, may send any
22 inmate, student, or patient of an institution, or any person
23 committed or applying for admission to an institution, to the
24 university of Iowa hospitals and clinics for treatment and
25 care. The department of human services, the department of
26 corrections, and the state board of regents shall respectively
27 pay the traveling expenses of such patient, and when necessary
28 the traveling expenses of an attendant for the patient, out of
29 funds appropriated for the use of the institution from which
30 the patient is sent.

31 Sec. 23. Section 270.1, Code 2020, is amended to read as
32 follows:

33 **270.1 Superintendent.**

34 The superintendent of the school for the deaf and hard of
35 hearing shall be a trained and experienced educator of the deaf

1 and hard of hearing. The superintendent's salary may include
2 residence in the institution, but no such allowance shall be
3 made except by express contract in advance.

4 Sec. 24. Section 270.3, Code 2020, is amended to read as
5 follows:

6 **270.3 Admission.**

7 Any resident of the state less than twenty-one years of
8 age, who has a hearing loss which is too severe to acquire
9 an education in the public schools is eligible to attend
10 the school for the deaf and hard of hearing. Nonresidents
11 similarly situated may be admitted to an education therein upon
12 such terms as may be fixed by the state board of regents. The
13 fee for nonresidents shall be not less than the average expense
14 of resident pupils and shall be paid in advance.

15 Sec. 25. Section 270.9, Code 2020, is amended to read as
16 follows:

17 **270.9 School for deaf and hard of hearing and sight saving
18 school.**

19 Funds appropriated to the school for the deaf and hard
20 of hearing and the Iowa braille and sight saving school for
21 payments to the parents or guardians of pupils in either
22 institution shall be expended as follows:

23 1. Transportation reimbursement at a rate established
24 annually by the state board of regents to the parents or
25 guardians of children who do not reside in the institution, but
26 are transported to the institution on a daily basis.

27 2. Transportation reimbursement at a rate established
28 annually by the state board of regents to the parents or
29 guardians for transportation from the institution to the
30 residence of the parent or guardian and return to the
31 institution for children who reside in the institution.

32 Sec. 26. Section 270.10, subsection 1, Code 2020, is amended
33 to read as follows:

34 1. The state board of regents shall not merge the school for
35 the deaf and hard of hearing at Council Bluffs with the Iowa

1 braille and sight saving school at Vinton or close either of
2 those institutions until all of the following requirements have
3 been met:

4 *a.* The department of management has presented to the general
5 assembly a comprehensive plan, program, and fiscal analysis of
6 the existing circumstances and the circumstances which would
7 prevail upon the proposed merger or closing, together with
8 data which would support the contention that the merger or
9 closing will be more efficient and effective than continuation
10 of the existing facilities. The analysis shall include a
11 detailed study of the educational implications of the merger
12 or closing, the impact on the students, and the opinions and
13 research of nationally recognized experts in the field of the
14 education of visually impaired and deaf or hard of hearing
15 students. The comprehensive plan shall further include a
16 study relating to the programming, fiscal consequences, and
17 political implications which would result if either a merger or
18 an agreement under [chapter 28E](#) should be implemented between
19 the school for the deaf and hard of hearing in Council Bluffs
20 and comparable state programs in the state of Nebraska.

21 *b.* The general assembly has studied the plans, programs, and
22 fiscal analysis and has reviewed their impact on the programs.

23 *c.* The general assembly has enacted legislation authorizing
24 either the closing or the merger to take effect not sooner than
25 two years after the enactment of the legislation.

26 Sec. 27. Section 280.16, subsection 7, Code 2020, is amended
27 to read as follows:

28 7. The Iowa braille and sight saving school, the state
29 school for the deaf and hard of hearing, and the institutions
30 under the control of the department of human services as
31 provided in [section 218.1](#) are exempt from the provisions of
32 this section.

33 Sec. 28. Section 299.18, Code 2020, is amended to read as
34 follows:

35 **299.18 Education of certain children who are deaf or hard of**

1 **hearing, blind, or have severe disabilities.**

2 Children who are of compulsory attendance age and who are
3 so deaf or hard of hearing, or blind, or have such severe
4 disabilities so as to be unable to obtain an education in the
5 public or accredited nonpublic schools shall be sent to the
6 appropriate state-operated school, or shall receive appropriate
7 special education under [chapter 256B](#), unless exempted, and
8 any person having such a child under the person's control or
9 custody shall see that the child attends the state-operated
10 school or special education program during the scholastic year.

11 Sec. 29. Section 299.19, Code 2020, is amended to read as
12 follows:

13 **299.19 Proceeding against parent.**

14 Upon the failure of a person having the custody and control
15 of a child who is blind, deaf or hard of hearing, or has severe
16 disabilities to require the child's attendance as provided in
17 section 299.18, the state board of regents may make application
18 to the district court or the juvenile court of the county in
19 which the person resides for an order requiring the person to
20 compel the attendance of the child at the proper state-operated
21 school.

22 Sec. 30. Section 299.22, Code 2020, is amended to read as
23 follows:

24 **299.22 When deaf or hard of hearing and blind children
25 excused.**

26 Attendance at the state-operated school may be excused when
27 the superintendent of the state-operated school certifies that
28 an interdisciplinary staffing team has determined, pursuant to
29 the requirements of [chapter 256B](#), that the child is efficiently
30 taught for the scholastic year in an accredited nonpublic or
31 other school devoted to the instruction, by a private tutor, in
32 the public schools, or is shown to be physically or mentally
33 unable to attend school under [section 299.5](#).

34 Sec. 31. Section 299.23, Code 2020, is amended to read as
35 follows:

1 **299.23 Agent of state board of regents.**

2 The state board of regents may employ an agent to aid in
3 the enforcement of law relative to the education of deaf or
4 hard-of-hearing children and blind children. The agent shall
5 seek out children who should be in attendance at the state
6 schools but who are not, and require such attendance. The
7 agent shall institute proceedings against persons who violate
8 the provisions of said law. The agent shall be allowed
9 compensation at a rate fixed by the board of regents, and
10 necessary traveling and hotel expenses while away from home in
11 the performance of duty.

12 Sec. 32. Section 321.1, subsection 8, paragraph g, Code
13 2020, is amended to read as follows:

14 *g.* If authorized to transport students or clients by the
15 superintendent of the Iowa braille and sight saving school or
16 of the Iowa school for the deaf and hard of hearing, or the
17 superintendent's respective designee, an employee of the Iowa
18 braille and sight saving school or the Iowa school for the deaf
19 is not a chauffeur when transporting the students or clients.

20 Sec. 33. Section 321.189, subsection 9, Code 2020, is
21 amended to read as follows:

22 9. *Deaf or hard-of-hearing status.* A licensee who is a
23 deaf person or a hard-of-hearing person, as those terms are
24 defined in [section 622B.1](#), may request that the license be
25 marked to reflect the licensee's deaf or hard-of-hearing status
26 on the face of the license when the licensee applies for the
27 issuance or renewal of a license. The department may adopt
28 rules pursuant to [chapter 17A](#) establishing criteria under which
29 a license may be marked, including requiring the licensee to
30 submit medical proof of the licensee's deaf or hard-of-hearing
31 status. When a driver's license is so marked, the licensee's
32 deaf or hard-of-hearing status shall be noted in the electronic
33 database used by the department and law enforcement to access
34 registration, titling, and driver's license information. The
35 department, in consultation with the commission of deaf and

1 hard-of-hearing services, shall develop educational media to
2 raise awareness of a licensee's ability to request the license
3 be marked to reflect the licensee's deaf or hard-of-hearing
4 status.

5 Sec. 34. Section 321.190, subsection 1, paragraph b,
6 subparagraph (5), Code 2020, is amended to read as follows:

7 (5) An applicant for a nonoperator's identification card
8 who is a deaf person or a hard-of-hearing person, as those
9 terms are defined in [section 622B.1](#), may request that the card
10 be marked to reflect the applicant's deaf or hard-of-hearing
11 status on the face of the card when the applicant applies for
12 the issuance or renewal of a card. The department may adopt
13 rules pursuant to [chapter 17A](#) establishing criteria under which
14 a card may be marked, including requiring the applicant to
15 submit medical proof of the applicant's deaf or hard-of-hearing
16 status. The department, in consultation with the commission of
17 deaf and hard-of-hearing services, shall develop educational
18 media to raise awareness of an applicant's ability to
19 request the card be marked to reflect the applicant's deaf or
20 hard-of-hearing status.

21 Sec. 35. Section 331.381, subsection 9, Code 2020, is
22 amended to read as follows:

23 9. Comply with [chapters 269](#) and [270](#) in regard to the payment
24 of costs for pupils at the Iowa braille and sight saving school
25 and the school for the deaf and hard of hearing.

26 Sec. 36. Section 331.424, subsection 1, paragraph a,
27 subparagraph (1), subparagraph division (b), Code 2020, is
28 amended to read as follows:

29 (b) Clothing, transportation, medical, or other services
30 provided persons attending the Iowa braille and sight saving
31 school, the Iowa school for the deaf and hard of hearing,
32 or the university of Iowa hospitals and clinics' center
33 for disabilities and development for children with severe
34 disabilities at Iowa City, for which the county becomes
35 obligated to pay pursuant to [sections 263.12](#), [269.2](#), and [270.4](#)

1 through 270.7.

2 Sec. 37. Section 331.502, subsection 15, Code 2020, is
3 amended to read as follows:

4 15. Carry out duties relating to the collection and payment
5 of funds for educating and supporting deaf and hard-of-hearing
6 students as provided in sections 270.6 and 270.7.

7 Sec. 38. Section 331.552, subsection 13, Code 2020, is
8 amended to read as follows:

9 13. Make transfer payments to the state for school expenses
10 for blind and deaf and hard-of-hearing children and support of
11 persons with mental illness as provided in sections 230.21,
12 269.2, and 270.7.

13 Sec. 39. Section 477C.2, subsections 2 and 5, Code 2020, are
14 amended to read as follows:

15 2. "*Communication impairment*" means the inability to use the
16 telephone for communication without a telecommunications device
17 for the deaf and hard of hearing.

18 5. "*Telecommunications device for the deaf and hard of*
19 *hearing*" means any specialized or supplemental telephone
20 equipment used by communication-impaired persons to provide
21 access to the telephone system.

22 Sec. 40. Section 477C.4, Code 2020, is amended to read as
23 follows:

24 **477C.4 Telecommunications devices for the deaf and hard of**
25 **hearing**.

26 With the advice of the council, the board may plan,
27 establish, administer, and promote a program to secure,
28 finance, and distribute telecommunications devices for the
29 deaf and hard of hearing. The board may establish eligibility
30 criteria for persons to receive telecommunications devices
31 for the deaf and hard of hearing, including, but not limited
32 to, requiring certification that the recipient cannot use the
33 telephone for communication without a telecommunications device
34 for the deaf and hard of hearing.

35 Sec. 41. Section 477C.5, subsection 2, paragraph c, Code

1 2020, is amended to read as follows:

2 c. One representative from the office of deaf and
3 hard-of-hearing services of the department of human rights.

4 Sec. 42. Section 483A.24, subsection 7, Code 2020, is
5 amended to read as follows:

6 7. A license shall not be required of minor pupils of the
7 state school for the blind, state school for the deaf and hard
8 of hearing, or of minor residents of other state institutions
9 under the control of an administrator of a division of the
10 department of human services. In addition, a person who is
11 on active duty with the armed forces of the United States,
12 on authorized leave from a duty station located outside of
13 this state, and a resident of the state of Iowa shall not be
14 required to have a license to hunt or fish in this state. The
15 military person shall carry the person's leave papers and a
16 copy of the person's current earnings statement showing a
17 deduction for Iowa income taxes while hunting or fishing. In
18 lieu of carrying the person's earnings statement, the military
19 person may also claim residency if the person is registered to
20 vote in this state. If a deer or wild turkey is taken, the
21 military person shall immediately contact a state conservation
22 officer to obtain an appropriate tag to transport the animal.
23 A license shall not be required of residents of county care
24 facilities or any person who is receiving supplementary
25 assistance under [chapter 249](#).

26 Sec. 43. Section 622B.4, Code 2020, is amended to read as
27 follows:

28 **622B.4 List.**

29 The office of deaf and hard-of-hearing services of the
30 department of human rights shall prepare and continually update
31 a listing of qualified and available interpreters. The courts
32 and administrative agencies shall maintain a directory of
33 qualified interpreters for deaf and hard-of-hearing persons
34 as furnished by the department of human rights. The office
35 of deaf and hard-of-hearing services shall maintain a list

1 of interpreters which shall be made available to a court,
2 administrative agency, or interested parties to an action using
3 the services of an interpreter.

4 Sec. 44. CODE EDITOR'S DIRECTIVE. The Code editor shall
5 correct and eliminate any references to the term "hearing
6 impaired" or other forms of the term anywhere else in the Iowa
7 Code, in any bills awaiting codification, and in any bills
8 enacted by the Eighty-eighth General Assembly, 2020 Regular
9 Session, or any extraordinary session, in accordance with this
10 Act.

11 Sec. 45. ADMINISTRATIVE CODE EDITOR DIRECTIVE. The
12 administrative rules coordinator and the administrative rules
13 review committee, in consultation with the administrative code
14 editor, shall jointly develop a schedule for the necessary
15 updating of the Iowa administrative code to update references
16 in accordance with this Act.

17 EXPLANATION

18 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
19 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

20 This bill replaces the term "deaf" with "deaf or hard of
21 hearing" or "deaf and hard of hearing" and the term "hearing
22 impaired" with "hard of hearing".