

Act No. 107 (S.66). Human services; auditory disabilities

An act relating to persons who are deaf, DeafBlind, or hard of hearing

This act establishes the Vermont Deaf, Hard of Hearing, and DeafBlind Advisory Council for the purpose of promoting diversity and equality among and access to services for members of the Deaf, DeafBlind, and Hard of Hearing community. The Council is tasked with assessing educational opportunities, promoting family supports, and identifying gaps in services for children who are Deaf, DeafBlind, or Hard of Hearing. It also is tasked with assessing the services, resources, and opportunities available to adults and elders who are Deaf, DeafBlind, or Hard of Hearing. The Council is required to submit annual reports with its findings and recommendations to the General Assembly and the Governor. The Council must also submit a one-time report to the General Assembly with any recommendations pertaining to the regulation of interpreters by the Secretary of State's Office of Professional Regulation.

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