

1 SENATE BILL 143

2 **49TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2010**

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10 AN ACT

11 RELATING TO DEAF SERVICES; MANDATING EXECUTIVE BRANCH OFFICES
12 TO DEVELOP STANDARDS AND PROCEDURES FOR ENSURING EFFECTIVE
13 MEANS OF COMMUNICATION WITH DEAF INDIVIDUALS; MANDATING
14 EMPLOYMENT OF LIAISONS FOR DEAF INDIVIDUALS.

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16 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

17 Section 1. COMMUNICATION ADEQUACY--DEAF LIAISON
18 REQUIRED.--All executive branch offices shall develop standards
19 and procedures for ensuring that all departments and agencies
20 under their control shall provide effective means of
21 communication for individuals who are deaf or hard-of-hearing.
22 These standards and procedures shall include the employment of
23 a deaf liaison in each executive department and agency. The
24 deaf liaison shall be an individual who is familiar with and
25 proficient in deaf culture and modes of communication and who

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1 shall provide a point of entry to that agency or department for
2 deaf individuals.

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