

1 of hearing, or deaf-blind with respect to the quality, extent, and scope
2 of those services;

3 (4) ~~To study any State programs that provide educational services for deaf~~
4 ~~and hard of hearing persons and to advise the Secretary of the~~
5 ~~Department of Health and Human Services and the Superintendent of~~
6 ~~Public Instruction concerning coordination of these programs to~~
7 ~~prevent duplication of services; and advise the Secretary of the~~
8 ~~Department of Health and Human Services and the Superintendent of~~
9 ~~the Department of Public Instruction regarding planning,~~
10 ~~implementation, and cost-effective coordination of State programs~~
11 ~~providing educational services for persons who are deaf, hard of~~
12 ~~hearing, or deaf-blind; and~~

13 (5) ~~To advise and make recommendations to the Secretary of the~~
14 ~~Department of Health and Human Services upon any matter as~~
15 ~~requested by the Secretary. respond to the request of the Secretary of~~
16 ~~the Department of Health and Human Services for advice or~~
17 ~~recommendations pertaining to any matter affecting deaf, hard of~~
18 ~~hearing, or deaf-blind citizens of North Carolina."~~

19 **SECTION 2.** G.S. 143B-216.32 reads as rewritten:

20 **"§ 143B-216.32. Council for the Deaf and the Hard of Hearing – membership;**
21 **quorum; compensation.**

22 (a) The Council for the Deaf and the Hard of Hearing shall consist of ~~25~~27
23 members. ~~Fifteen~~Nineteen members shall be members appointed by the Governor.
24 Three members appointed by the Governor shall be persons who are deaf and three
25 members shall be persons who are hard of hearing. One appointment shall be an
26 educator who trains deaf education teachers and one appointment shall be an audiologist
27 licensed under Article 22 of Chapter 90 of the General Statutes. Three appointments
28 shall be parents of deaf or hard of hearing children including one parent of a student in a
29 residential school; one parent of a student in a preschool program; and one parent of a
30 student in a mainstream education program, with at least one parent coming from each
31 region of the North Carolina schools for the deaf regions. One member appointed by the
32 Governor shall be recommended by the President of the North Carolina Association of
33 the Deaf; one member shall be recommended by the President of the North Carolina
34 Deaf-Blind Associates; one member shall be recommended by the North Carolina
35 Chapter of Self Help for the Hard of Hearing (SHHH); one member shall be
36 recommended by the North Carolina Black Deaf Advocates (NCBDA); one member
37 shall be recommended by the President of the North Carolina Pediatric Society; one
38 member shall be recommended by the President of the North Carolina Registry of
39 Interpreters for the Deaf; one member shall be recommended by a local education
40 agency; and one member shall be ~~nominated~~recommended by the Superintendent of
41 Public Instruction. Two members shall be appointed from the House of Representatives
42 by the Speaker of the House of Representatives and two members shall be appointed
43 from the Senate by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate. The Secretary of Health
44 and Human Services shall appoint ~~six~~four members as follows: one from the Division

1 of Vocational Rehabilitation, one from the Division of Aging, one from the Division of
2 Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services, and one
3 from the Division of Social Services, one from a North Carolina Chapter of SHHH (Self
4 Help for the Hard of Hearing), and one from SPEAK (Statewide Parents' Education and
5 Advocacy for Kids) Services.

6 (b) The terms of the initial members of the Council shall commence July 1, 1989.
7 In his initial appointments, the Governor shall designate four members who shall serve
8 terms of five years, four who shall serve terms of four years, four who shall serve terms
9 of three years, and three who shall serve terms of two years. After the initial appointees'
10 terms have expired, all members shall be appointed for a term of four years. No member
11 appointed by the Governor shall serve more than two successive terms-terms unless the
12 member is an employee of the Department of Health and Human Services or the
13 Department of Public Instruction representing his or her agency as a specialist in the
14 field of service.

15 Any appointment to fill a vacancy on the Council created by the resignation,
16 dismissal, death, or disability of a member shall be for the balance of the unexpired
17 term.

18 (c) The chairman of the Council shall be designated by the Secretary of the
19 Department of Health and Human Services from the Council members. The chairman
20 shall hold this office for not more than four years.

21 (d) The Council shall meet quarterly and at other times at the call of the
22 chairman. A majority of the Council shall constitute a quorum.

23 (e) Council members shall be reimbursed for expenses incurred in the
24 performance of their duties in accordance with G.S. 138-5.

25 (f) The Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services shall provide
26 clerical and other assistance as needed."

27 **SECTION 3.** Pursuant to G.S. 143B-216.32(a), as enacted in Section 2 of
28 this act, when the term of the member appointed by the Secretary of Health and Human
29 Services who is a representative from the North Carolina Chapter of Self Help for the
30 Hard of Hearing (SHHH) expires, the Governor shall appoint one member upon the
31 recommendation of the North Carolina Chapter of Self Help for the Hard of Hearing to
32 serve a four-year term to commence July 1, 2003. When the term of the member
33 appointed by the Secretary of Health and Human Services who is a representative from
34 Statewide Parents' Education and Advocacy for Kids (SPEAK) expires, the Governor
35 shall appoint one member upon the recommendation of the North Carolina Black Deaf
36 Advocates (NCBDA) to serve a four-year term to commence July 1, 2003.

37 Pursuant to G.S. 143B-216.32(a), as enacted in Section 2 of this act, the
38 member appointed by the Governor as recommended by the President of the North
39 Carolina Deaf-Blind Associates shall be appointed for a four-year term to commence
40 July 1, 2003 and the member appointed by the Governor as recommended by a local
41 education agency shall be appointed for a four-year term to commence July 1, 2003.
42 Members described in this section shall serve for the terms for which they were
43 appointed and until their successors are appointed and qualified.

44 **SECTION 4.** This act is effective when it becomes law.