



Senate, April 29, 1971. The Committee on Judiciary reported through Senator Jackson of the 5th District, Chairman of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CREATING A STATE COMMISSION TO STUDY AND INVESTIGATE THE PROBLEMS OF DEAF AND HEARING IMPAIRED PERSONS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 Section 1. A state commission is hereby
2 created to make an on-going and complete study and
3 investigation of the problems of the deaf and
4 hearing impaired. Such study and investigation
5 shall include all aspects of deafness and hearing
6 impairment affecting the individual, the public,
7 industry, health, education, research groups and
8 the needs of persons afflicted with deafness or
9 hearing impairment.
- 10 Sec. 2. Said commission shall consist of two
11 senators, to be appointed by the president pro
12 tempore of the senate; two members of the house of
13 representatives, to be appointed by the speaker of
14 the house; and seven persons to be appointed by
15 the governor, three of whom shall be deaf persons
16 and one of whom shall be a physician licensed to
17 practice medicine in this state and specializing
18 in otolaryngology. The deaf members of the
19 commission shall be appointed from a list of not
20 less than six names to be submitted to the
21 governor by the Connecticut Council of

22 Organizations Serving the Deaf or its successor.
23 The members shall be appointed within sixty days
24 after passage of this act.

25 Sec. 3. The members whom the governor
26 appoints shall be appointed by and with the advice
27 and consent of the senate for five years, provided
28 of the members first appointed, two members shall
29 be appointed for a term of five years, two for a
30 term of four years, one for a term of three years,
31 one for a term of two years and one for a term of
32 one year. At the expiration of the term of any
33 member of the commission, his successor shall be
34 appointed for a term of five years. The
35 commission shall organize by the selection from
36 its members of a chairman, vice-chairman and a
37 secretary. The chairman shall be the chief
38 executive officer of the commission.

39 Sec. 4. Vacancies occurring otherwise than
40 by expiration of term in the membership of the
41 commission shall be filled by the officer
42 authorized to make the original appointments.

43 Sec. 5. The members of the commission shall
44 receive no compensation for their services.

45 Sec. 6. The commission may request and shall
46 receive from any department, division, board,
47 bureau, commission or agency of the state or of
48 any political subdivision thereof such assistance
49 and data as will enable it properly to carry out
50 its activities hereunder and effectuate the
51 purposes herein set forth.

52 Sec. 7. The commission shall make an annual
53 report to the governor and general assembly which
54 shall include its recommendations and program.
55 When advisable, the commission may make an interim
56 report to the governor and the general assembly
57 with its recommendations, in order to afford
58 opportunity for immediate action to be taken
59 thereon.

60 Sec. 8. This act shall take effect from its
61 passage.

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STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: To create a state commission to study and 61
 investigate the problems of deaf and hearing impaired persons. 62

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets and proposed 64
 additions are all capitalized, or underlined where appropriate.] 66