

1-1 By: Uresti (Senate Sponsor - Van de Putte) H.B. No. 3235  
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 28, 2005;  
1-3 April 29, 2005, read first time and referred to Committee on Health  
1-4 and Human Services; May 20, 2005, reported adversely, with  
1-5 favorable Committee Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 7,  
1-6 Nays 0; May 20, 2005, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR H.B. No. 3235 By: Deuell

1-8 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-9 AN ACT

1-10 relating to providing interpreter services to certain recipients of  
1-11 medical assistance or their parents or guardians.

1-12 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-13 SECTION 1. Section 32.024, Human Resources Code, is amended  
1-14 by adding Subsection (bb) to read as follows:

1-15 (bb) In this subsection, "deaf" and "hard of hearing" have  
1-16 the meanings assigned by Section 81.001. Subject to the  
1-17 availability of funds, the department shall provide interpreter  
1-18 services as requested during the receipt of medical assistance  
1-19 under this chapter to:

1-20 (1) a person receiving that assistance who is deaf or  
1-21 hard of hearing; or

1-22 (2) a parent or guardian of a person receiving that  
1-23 assistance if the parent or guardian is deaf or hard of hearing.

1-24 SECTION 2. If before implementing any provision of this Act  
1-25 a state agency determines that a waiver or authorization from a  
1-26 federal agency is necessary for implementation of that provision,  
1-27 the agency affected by the provision shall request the waiver or  
1-28 authorization and may delay implementing that provision until the  
1-29 waiver or authorization is granted.

1-30 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2005.

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