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S.B. No. 281

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the use of certain language regarding a person who is
3 deaf or hard of hearing in statutes or resolutions.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

5 SECTION 1. Section 392.002, Government Code, is amended by
6 adding Subsection (b-1) to read as follows:

7 (b-1) In addition to the terms and phrases listed in
8 Subsection (a), the legislature and the Texas Legislative Council
9 are directed to avoid using in any new statute or resolution
10 "hearing impaired," "auditory impairment," and "speech impaired"
11 in reference to a deaf or hard of hearing person, and the
12 legislature and the Texas Legislative Council are directed to
13 replace, when enacting or revising a statute or resolution, those
14 phrases with "deaf" or "hard of hearing," as appropriate.

15 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.