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S.B. No. 281

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

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

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

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

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

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