

1-1 By: Zaffirini S.B. No. 281  
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed December 27, 2018; February 4, 2019,  
 1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Administration;  
 1-4 April 15, 2019, reported adversely, with favorable Committee  
 1-5 Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 6, Nays 0; April 15, 2019,  
 1-6 sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-9	X			
1-10	X			
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1-12	X			
1-13	X			
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1-15	X			

1-16 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 281 By: Zaffirini

1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
 1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to the use of certain language regarding a person who is  
 1-20 deaf or hard of hearing in statutes or resolutions.

1-21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-22 SECTION 1. Section 392.002, Government Code, is amended by  
 1-23 adding Subsection (b-1) to read as follows:

1-24 (b-1) In addition to the terms and phrases listed in  
 1-25 Subsection (a), the legislature and the Texas Legislative Council  
 1-26 are directed to avoid using in any new statute or resolution  
 1-27 "hearing impaired," "auditory impairment," and "speech impaired"  
 1-28 in reference to a deaf or hard of hearing person, and the  
 1-29 legislature and the Texas Legislative Council are directed to  
 1-30 replace, when enacting or revising a statute or resolution, those  
 1-31 phrases with "deaf" or "hard of hearing," as appropriate.

1-32 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.

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