

HB 1920 - DIGEST

Provides that, by September 1, 2007, each school district shall be prepared to offer a spectrum of services, including sign language-based and oral-based programming, for students who are deaf or hard of hearing. The services shall correspond to the educational approach selected for each child by the child's parents or guardian. The school district may contract with outside entities to provide the services.

Provides that a professional with expertise in hearing impairment must be included in any team that helps prepare an individualized education plan for a child who is deaf or hard of hearing.

Requires the superintendent of public instruction to provide to school districts information on advances in research, technology, and educational approaches for children who are deaf or hard of hearing.

Requires the superintendent of public instruction to provide professional development to educational professionals throughout the state on the educational needs of children who are deaf or hard of hearing.