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**STUDENTS QUALIFYING FOR SERVICES  
FOR DEAF**

2007 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: Kenneth W. Sumsion**

Senate Sponsor: Mark B. Madsen

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**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This bill changes the definition of those eligible for public education services for the deaf.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This bill:

- ▶ changes the definition of those eligible for public education services for the deaf.

**Monies Appropriated in this Bill:**

None

**Other Special Clauses:**

None

**Utah Code Sections Affected:**

**AMENDS:**

**53A-25-103**, as enacted by Chapter 2, Laws of Utah 1988

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*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

Section 1. Section **53A-25-103** is amended to read:

**53A-25-103. Purposes -- Qualifications of pupils.**

(1) The school shall provide a practical education for the deaf and those with an inability to speak, who are under 21 years of age and otherwise physically and mentally able to



28 profit from instruction, to instruct them so that they may become self-supporting and useful  
29 citizens.

30 (2) Individuals over age 21 who are capable of receiving beneficial instruction, but  
31 because of deafness or an inability to speak are incapable of receiving adequate instruction in  
32 other public schools, may, in the discretion of the board of trustees, be admitted to the school.

33 (3) Residents of the state are entitled to the benefits of the school free of expense.

34 (4) The board of trustees shall establish policies regarding the acceptance of  
35 nonresidents.

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**Legislative Review Note**  
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**Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel**

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**H.B. 291 - Students Qualifying for Services for Deaf**

**Fiscal Note**

2007 General Session

State of Utah

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**State Impact**

Enactment of this bill will require additional appropriations of \$612,500 from the Uniform School Fund in order to serve additional students at the Utah Schools for the Deaf and Blind.

	<u>FY 2007</u> <u>Approp.</u>	<u>FY 2008</u> <u>Approp.</u>	<u>FY 2009</u> <u>Approp.</u>	<u>FY 2007</u> <u>Revenue</u>	<u>FY 2008</u> <u>Revenue</u>	<u>FY 2009</u> <u>Revenue</u>
Uniform School Fund	\$0	\$612,500	\$612,500	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$612,500</b>	<b>\$612,500</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

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**Individual, Business and/or Local Impact**

Enactment of this bill likely will not result in direct, measurable costs and/or benefits for businesses. Individuals may benefit from increased services. Local districts may be impacted by adding a new group of students that receive services.