

1                                   **MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES COORDINATOR**

2   2005 GENERAL SESSION

3   STATE OF UTAH

4                                   **Sponsor: David L. Hogue**

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6 **LONG TITLE**

7 **General Description:**

8           This bill creates the position of statewide coordinator for mental health services for the  
9 deaf and hard of hearing and funds the position.

10 **Highlighted Provisions:**

11           This bill:

12           ▶ creates the position of statewide coordinator for mental health services for the deaf  
13 and hard of hearing within the Department of Human Services, Division of  
14 Substance Abuse and Mental Health.

15 **Monies Appropriated in this Bill:**

16           This bill appropriates:

17           ▶ ~~H~~→ ~~[\$57,800]~~ **as an ongoing appropriation subject to future budget**

17a **constraints, \$57,800** ←~~H~~ from the General Fund to the Department of Human Services for fiscal  
17b year

18 2005-06, for the purposes described in Section 62A-15-105.5.

19 **Other Special Clauses:**

20           None

21 **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

22 ENACTS:

23           **62A-15-105.5**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

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

26           Section 1. Section **62A-15-105.5** is enacted to read:

27           **62A-15-105.5. State coordinator for mental health services for the deaf and hard**



28 **of hearing.**

29 (1) (a) The executive director shall appoint a state coordinator for mental health  
30 services for the deaf and hard of hearing.

31 (b) The coordinator should be knowledgeable in interpretive services for the deaf and  
32 hard of hearing as well as mental health issues, norms, and culture of the deaf and hard of  
33 hearing community.

34 (2) The coordinator shall assist the deaf and hard of hearing community in the state  
35 with locating and receiving mental health services available from state agencies, local mental  
36 health authorities, federal programs, and private providers, including interpretive services  
37 necessary to access mental health services.

38 **Section 2. Appropriation.**

39 This bill appropriates ~~H~~→ [\$57,800] as an ongoing appropriation subject to future  
39a budget constraints, \$57,800 ←~~H~~ from the General Fund to the Department of Human  
40 Services for fiscal year 2005-06, to be used to fund the statewide coordinator for mental health  
41 services for the deaf and hard of hearing.

**Legislative Review Note**  
**as of 12-2-04 9:59 AM**

Based on a limited legal review, this legislation has not been determined to have a high probability of being held unconstitutional.

**Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel**