



CHAPTER 143B
ARTICLE 3 - DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

N.C.G.S. § 143B-216.32.

Council for the Deaf and the Hard of Hearing – membership; quorum; compensation.

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§ 143B-216.32(a) The Council for the Deaf and the Hard of Hearing shall consist of 28 members. Twenty members shall be members appointed by the Governor. Three members appointed by the Governor shall be persons who are deaf and three members shall be persons who are hard of hearing. One appointment shall be an educator who trains deaf education teachers and one appointment shall be an audiologist licensed under Article 22 of Chapter 90 of the General Statutes. Three appointments shall be parents of deaf or hard of hearing children including one parent of a student in a residential school; one parent of a student in a preschool program; and one parent of a student in a mainstream education program, with at least one parent coming from each region of the North Carolina schools for the deaf regions. One member appointed by the Governor shall be recommended by the President of the North Carolina Association of the Deaf; one member shall be recommended by the President of the North Carolina Deaf-Blind Associates; one member shall be recommended by the North Carolina Chapter of Self Help for the Hard of Hearing (SHHH); one member shall be recommended by the North Carolina Black Deaf Advocates (NCBDA); one member shall be a representative from a facility that performs cochlear implants; one member shall be recommended by the President of the North Carolina Pediatric Society; one member shall be recommended by the President of the North Carolina Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf; one member shall be recommended by a local education agency; and one member shall be recommended by the Superintendent of Public Instruction. Two members shall be appointed from the House of Representatives by

the Speaker of the House of Representatives and two members shall be appointed from the Senate by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate. The Secretary of Health and Human Services shall appoint four members as follows: one from the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation, one from the Division of Aging, one from the Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Use Services, and one from the Division of Social Services.

§ 143B-216.32(b)

The terms of the initial members of the Council shall commence July 1, 1989. In his initial appointments, the Governor shall designate four members who shall serve terms of five years, four who shall serve terms of four years, four who shall serve terms of three years, and three who shall serve terms of two years. After the initial appointees' terms have expired, all members shall be appointed for a term of four years. No member shall serve more than two successive terms unless the member is an employee of the Department of Health and Human Services or the Department of Public Instruction representing his or her agency as a specialist in the field of service. Any appointment to fill a vacancy on the Council created by the resignation, dismissal, death, or disability of a member shall be for the balance of the unexpired term.

§ 143B-216.32(c)

The chairman of the Council shall be designated by the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services from the Council members. The chairman shall hold this office for not more than four years.

§ 143B-216.32(d)

The Council shall meet quarterly and at other times at the call of the chairman. A majority of the Council shall constitute a quorum.

§ 143B-216.32(e)

Council members shall be reimbursed for expenses incurred in the performance of their duties in accordance with G.S. 138-5.

§ 143B-216.32(f)

The Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services shall provide clerical and other assistance as needed.

END OF SECTION TEXT

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APPARATUS I
7 ACTS

Amendment lineage

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01	1989	c. 533, s. 2	ENACTED
02	1993	c. 551, s. 1	AMENDED
03	1997	S.L. 1997-443, s. 11A.118(a)	AMENDED
04	2001	S.L. 2001-424, s. 21.81(d)	AMENDED
05	2001	S.L. 2001-486, s. 2.14	AMENDED
06	2003	S.L. 2003-343, s. 2	AMENDED
07	2023	S.L. 2023-65, s. 5.2(b)	AMENDED

APPARATUS II

1 AUTHORITY

Authorities referenced

Every G.S. cross-reference appearing in the text of this section, in order of first appearance. Nothing is characterized; the operative language is quoted from the section itself.

REFERENCE	APPEARS IN	OPERATIVE LANGUAGE IN THIS SECTION
G.S. 138-5	(e)	"of their duties in accordance with"

APPARATUS III

Citation

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