

**HOUSE BILL NO. 280**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

**BY REPRESENTATIVES LEDOUX, Gruenberg**

**Introduced: 1/27/14**

**Referred: Education**

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 **"An Act relating to public school students who are deaf or hard of hearing."**

2 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

3 **\* Section 1.** AS 14.30.278 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

4 (b) An individualized education program for a child with a disability who is  
5 deaf or hard of hearing must include a language and communication plan that

6 (1) identifies the primary language or method of communication  
7 chosen by the child;

8 (2) provides opportunities for direct communication with peers and  
9 professional personnel in the primary language or method of communication chosen  
10 by the child;

11 (3) describes the educational options available to the child;

12 (4) describes the necessary qualifications, including fluency in the  
13 primary language or method of communication chosen by the child, of the teacher and  
14 other professional personnel who will implement the program for the child;

15 (5) addresses access limitations to academic instruction, school

1 services, and extracurricular activities for the child;  
2 (6) provides for assistive devices and services; and  
3 (7) requires accommodations for the child in communications with,  
4 and the physical environment of, the school.