

HB 469 -- MISSOURI COMMISSION FOR THE DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING

SPONSOR: Rowland

This bill specifies the Missouri Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing must provide grants to:

(1) Organizations that provide services for deaf-blind children and their families. The services may include providing family support advocates to assist deaf-blind children in participating in their communities and family education specialists to teach parents and siblings skills to support the deaf-blind children in their family;

(2) Organizations that provide services for deaf-blind adults. The grants must be used to provide assistance to deaf-blind adults who are working towards establishing and maintaining independence; and

(3) Organizations that train support service providers. The grants must be used to provide training that will lead to certification of support service providers in Missouri.

The commission must use a request-for-proposal process to award these grants. Organizations that receive these grants may expend the grant for any purpose authorized.