

HB 3288 -- COMMUNICATION ACCESS SERVICES

SPONSOR: Barnes

Under this bill, the Missouri Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing will establish a statewide communication access services program to improve compliance with the Federal Americans with Disabilities Act for agencies and businesses by coordinating resources, filling service gaps, and assisting with costs related to accommodations. The bill creates the "Communication Access Services Fund" for administering the program.

The Commission will develop a statewide registry of service providers, establish training and equipment standards, maintain an informational website, provide training, conduct outreach, and submit an annual report to the Governor and General Assembly, as described in the bill. The Commission will also, subject to appropriation, finance requests for assistance in providing communication access services and administer scholarships for professional development, internships, and certification testing.

This bill is similar to SB 1637 (2026).