

THE FLORIDA SENATE  
2013 SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION PASSED  
**Committee on Education**

**CS/HB 461 — Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing Students**

by Choice and Innovation Subcommittee; and Rep. Rooney and others (CS/CS/SB 150 by Appropriations Committee; Education Committee; and Senators Altman, Garcia, Bean, and Bradley)

The bill clarifies the considerations that the individual educational plan (IEP) team must address to develop an IEP for a student who is deaf or hard-of-hearing. The bill also requires the Department of Education, in coordination with the Florida School for the Deaf and Blind and with input from stakeholders including representatives of the auditory oral community, to develop a model communication plan for use during the IEP development. The Department of Education must provide technical assistance regarding using the model communication plan.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect July 1, 2013.

*Vote: Senate 38-2; House 118-0*