



General Assembly

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**Proposed Bill No. 6951**

LCO No. 3247



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Referred to Committee on PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY

Introduced by:  
REP. COOK, 65<sup>th</sup> Dist.

**AN ACT CONCERNING THE COMMUNICATION NEEDS OF PERSONS WHO ARE DEAF, HARD OF HEARING, OR DEAF-BLIND IN EMERGENCY SITUATIONS.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 That the general statutes be amended to require: (1) Law  
2 enforcement agencies to send text message alerts to persons who are  
3 deaf, hard of hearing or deaf-blind in schools; (2) visual lighting  
4 signals, video messaging and auditory alarms to relay information; (3)  
5 establishment of a method to allow persons who are deaf, hard of  
6 hearing, or deaf-blind who are sheltering during an emergency to be  
7 able to inform emergency responders of their location; and (4)  
8 emergency responders to receive basic American Sign Language  
9 training to allow them to communicate directions such as "hide",  
10 "quiet", "get down" and "run" in an emergency.

**Statement of Purpose:**

To address the communication needs of persons who are deaf, hard of hearing or deaf-blind in emergency situations.