

**256C.23 DEFINITIONS.**

Subdivision 1. **Scope.** For the purposes of sections 256C.21 to 256C.26, the terms defined in this section shall have the meanings given them, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise.

Subd. 2. **Deaf.** "Deaf" means a hearing loss of such severity that the individual must depend primarily on visual communication such as writing, lip reading, manual communication, and gestures.

Subd. 2a. **Hard-of-hearing.** "Hard-of-hearing" means a hearing loss resulting in a functional loss of hearing, but not to the extent that the individual must depend primarily upon visual communication.

Subd. 2b. **Deafblind.** "Deafblind" means any combination of vision and hearing loss which interferes with acquiring information from the environment to the extent that compensatory strategies and skills are necessary to access that or other information.

Subd. 3. **Regional service center.** "Regional service center" means a facility designed to provide an entry point for deaf, deafblind, and hard-of-hearing persons of that region in need of education, employment, social, human, or other services.

Subd. 4. [Repealed by amendment, 1996 c 392 s 1]

Subd. 5. [Repealed by amendment, 1996 c 392 s 1]

**History:** 1980 c 574 s 3; 1993 c 306 s 9-11; 1996 c 392 s 1; 1999 c 159 s 55