

Services to Persons with Special Needs

Public Access

The Legislative Complex, made up of the Legislative Plaza, War Memorial Building and State Capitol, are accessible to individuals using wheelchairs. Ramps and elevators are located throughout the complex to provide access to the House and Senate Committee Hearing Rooms, the House and Senate Chambers located in the State Capitol and the Legislative Offices of the Members of the House and Senate.

All elevators within the Legislative Complex have Braille control panels and floor designations. All offices of the Members of the House of Representatives and the Senate have Braille signage identifying room numbers.

Communication Accessibility

The Tennessee General Assembly will provide in-person sign language interpreter services for individuals with hearing loss upon request when visiting the legislative complex for House and Senate Floor Sessions, committee hearings and other scheduled events in the House and Senate Hearing Rooms and the Chambers of the House and Senate. Sign language interpreter services will also be provided for meetings with the Members and staff of the General Assembly.

Requests for sign language interpreter services should be made no less than three (3) business days prior to time services are needed. Individuals should contact the Office of Legislative Administration via phone, fax, in writing or email:

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The chambers and hearing rooms of the House and Senate are equipped with FM assisted listening devices for persons with hearing loss. Headsets and receivers are available and can be requested by contacting the Audio/Video Operations office at (615) 741-1100, ext. 44999. Devices will be distributed at the committee hearing room or at the entrance to the House or Senate Chamber. Requests should be made at least one (1) business day prior to the meeting or event.

Telecommunications Relay Service

TTY (text telephone) or TDD (telephone devise for the deaf) services are available to persons with hearing loss or speech impairment needing assistance. Persons needing this assistance should call 1-800-848-0298 (Purple Communication Relay Services) or 1-800-855-2880 (AT&T Relay Services). For more information you can visit the following websites: <http://purpletextrelay.us/> or http://relayservices.att.com/services/tyy_relay.php.