The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, February 26, 2024.

The committee on Education, to whom was referred the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 466) of Carol A. Doherty and others relative to the inclusion of American Sign Language in public schools, reports recommending that the accompanying bill (House, No. 4428) ought to pass.

For the committee,

DENISE C. GARLICK.

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In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court (2023-2024)

An Act to promote the inclusion of American Sign Language in the Commonwealth's public schools.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 2B of Chapter 71 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022

- 2 Official Edition is hereby amended by, in line 8, striking out the word "may" and in place
- 3 thereof, inserting the word "shall."