

SENATE No. 345

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

James E. Timilty

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to the teaching of American Sign Language.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

James E. Timilty

Louis L. Kafka

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Bristol and Norfolk

8th Norfolk

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By Mr. Timilty, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 345) of James E. Timilty and Louis L. Kafka for legislation to teach American Sign language. Education.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. 280 OF 2013-2014.]

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court
(2015-2016)**
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An Act relative to the teaching of American Sign Language.

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 2B of chapter 71 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2012 Official edition,
- 2 is hereby amended by striking out the last sentence and inserting in place thereof the following:-
- 3 “School committees shall credit such courses toward satisfaction of foreign language
- 4 requirements, provided that the courses shall meet the standards for all other foreign language
- 5 courses that the district offers for credit.”