

State of Tennessee

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 546

SENATE BILL NO. 1514

By Massey, Swann, Bell, Yarbro

Substituted for: House Bill No. 1533

By Kane, Fitzhugh, Eldridge, Clemmons, Terry, Rogers, Weaver, Powell

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 8 and Title 49, Chapter 9, relative to American sign language education.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 8, Part 1, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

By July 1, 2019, each state institution of higher education operated by the board of regents and each state university shall adopt a policy to allow American sign language courses to satisfy any foreign language requirements for admission to an undergraduate degree program.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 9, Part 1, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

By July 1, 2019, each institution operated by the University of Tennessee shall adopt a policy to allow American sign language courses to satisfy any foreign language requirements for admission to an undergraduate degree program.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

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PASSED: February 26, 2018

RANDY McNAL Y SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 9th day of March 2018

BILL'HASLAM, *GOVERNOR*