

**SENATE . . . . . No. 280**

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**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:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>James E. Timilty</i>	<i>Bristol and Norfolk</i>
<i>Louis L. Kafka</i>	<i>8th Norfolk</i>
<i>Sal N. DiDomenico</i>	<i>Middlesex and Suffolk</i>
<i>Aaron Vega</i>	<i>5th Hampden</i>

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By Mr. Timilty, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 280) of James E. Timilty, Louis L. Kafka, Sal N. DiDomenico and Aaron Vega for legislation to teach American Sign language. Education.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. 252 OF 2011-2012.]

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**In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen**  
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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 2010 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.”