

**SENATE . . . . . No. 345**

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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:

*James E. Timilty*

*Bristol and Norfolk*

*Louis L. Kafka*

*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.

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

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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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.”