

**SENATE . . . . . No. 00252**

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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PRESENTED BY:

*James E. Timilty*

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*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 passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to the teaching of American Sign Language..

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PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>James E. Timilty</i>	<i>Bristol and Norfolk</i>
<i>Christine E. Canavan</i>	<i>10th Plymouth</i>
<i>George Ross</i>	<i>2nd Bristol</i>

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By Mr. Timilty, petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 252) of Ross, Canavan and Timilty for legislation to teach American Sign language [Joint Committee on Education].

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE  
□ SENATE  
□ , NO. 287 OF 2009-2010.]

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**In the Year Two Thousand Eleven**  
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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 2006 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.”