## **HOUSE BILL 684**

## By Cooper B

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49 and Title 71, relative to services for hearing-impaired persons.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 71, Chapter 5, Part 1, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

71-1-135. The division of rehabilitation services of the department of human services shall be responsible for providing interpreter services for all hearing impaired students, at no cost to the student, at all public institutions of higher education governed by either the board of trustees for the University of Tennessee or the board of regents for the state university and community college system.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2009, the public welfare requiring it.