

SENATE BILL 1514

By Massey

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 2, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

By July 1, 2019, the board of regents and each state university board shall adopt policies allowing American sign language courses to satisfy the foreign language requirements for undergraduate degree programs.

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

By July 1, 2019, the board of trustees of the University of Tennessee shall adopt a policy allowing American sign language courses to satisfy the foreign language requirements for undergraduate degree programs.

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