

HB 297 -- American Sign Language

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This bill requires that courses in American Sign Language offered by any educational institution be recognized as foreign language courses, that credit be given for these courses if the school gives academic credit for foreign languages, and that these courses count toward satisfaction of foreign language requirements of the school. Credit can be earned by achieving a passing grade in a course or by demonstrating proficiency. The Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing will provide assistance on development and teaching of these courses.