

SENATE No.

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 passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to the teaching of American Sign Language.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

James E. Timilty

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Bristol and Norfolk

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. S02698 OF 2007-2008.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

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 1. Section 2B of chapter 71 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2006
- 2 Official edition, is hereby amended by striking out the last sentence and inserting in place thereof
- 3 the following:- “School committees shall credit such courses toward satisfaction of foreign
- 4 language requirements, provided that the courses shall meet the standards for all other foreign
- 5 language courses that the district offers for credit.”