## Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

1	State of Arkansas	As Engrossed: H2/28/03 H4/2/03 H4/4/03 $ m A~Bill$	
2	84th General Assembly	A Dill	HOUSE BILL 1307
3	Regular Session, 2003		HOUSE BILL 1307
4 5	By: Representatives Lendal	l Schulte	
6	By. Representatives Lendar	i, senure	
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8		For An Act To Be Entitled	
9	AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE TEACHING OF AMERICAN SIGN		
10	LANGUAGE AS A FOREIGN LANGUAGE IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS		
11	IN ARKA	ANSAS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.	
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13		Subtitle	
14	AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE TEACHING OF		
15	AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE AS A FOREIGN		
16	LANG	GUAGE IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN ARKANSAS.	
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22	BE IT ENACTED BY THE	GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARK	ANSAS:
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24		xansas Code Title 6, Chapter 16, Subc	hapter l is amended
25	to add an additional	section to read as follows:	
26		American Sign Language may qualify	
27		pose of meeting requirements for publ	
28	Arkansas if the course is conducted under the supervision of a licensed		
29	<u> </u>	school as approved by the principal	<del>_</del>
30	(b)(1) All public elementary and secondary schools shall recognize		
31	American Sign Language as a standard, independent language with its own		
32	grammar, syntax, vocabulary, and cultural heritage.		
33 34	(2) Courses in American Sign Language may be taught for the		
35	purpose of contributing to a greater understanding of the social and cultural dimensions of the language, and to encourage and enable increased interaction		
36		leaf and hard of hearing persons in s	
50	between persons and c	ical and hard of hearing persons in s	ociety.

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1	(5) School districts may credit American Sign Language courses
2	toward satisfaction of foreign language requirements.
3	(4) The Department of Higher Education and institutions of
4	higher education may accept credit for American Sign Language courses for
5	purposes of scholarship qualifications and admissions requirements.
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7	6-16-134. (a) A school district may grant credit as an elective to a
8	pupil who satisfactorily completes a high school course in American Sign
9	Language.
10	(b) The qualifications for those teaching an American Sign Language
11	course and for a recommended course of study of American Sign Language must
12	be approved the State Board of Education.
13	(c) By September 1, 2003, the State Board of Education shall
14	promulgate rules and regulations necessary for the implementation of this
15	act.
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17	/s/ Lendall, et al
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