

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  
2 83rd General Assembly  
3 Regular Session, 2001

# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1408

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5 By: Representative Lendall  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

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9 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE TEACHING OF AMERICAN SIGN  
10 LANGUAGE AS A FOREIGN LANGUAGE IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN  
11 ARKANSAS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

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15 AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE AS A FOREIGN  
16 LANGUAGE IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN ARKANSAS.  
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19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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21 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 6, Chapter 16, Subchapter 1, regarding  
22 general provisions for curriculum in public schools, is amended by adding the  
23 following additional section:

24 6-16-129. American Sign Language may qualify as a foreign language for  
25 the purpose of meeting requirements for public schools in Arkansas if the  
26 language is taught by a qualified instructor of American Sign Language and if  
27 the course is conducted under the supervision of an instructor at the public  
28 school as approved by the principal.  
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