

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to law as it existed prior to the 82nd General Assembly.

1 State of Arkansas As Engrossed: H1/28/99 H2/1/99 H2/4/99 H3/4/99 S3/29/99

2 82nd General Assembly

# A Bill

Act 1269 of 1999

3 Regular Session, 1999

HOUSE BILL 1017

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5 By: Representatives Lendall, Milligan, Ferrell, Hendren, Gullett, Wilkins, Bledsoe, Napper, Hale,  
6 Creekmore, Ammons, Biggs, Salmon, C. Johnson, Green, Magnus

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

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"AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE TITLE 6, CHAPTER 16,  
11 SUBCHAPTER 1, AND ARKANSAS CODE TITLE 6, CHAPTER 61,  
12 SUBCHAPTER 1, TO ALLOW THE AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE TO  
13 QUALIFY AS A FOREIGN LANGUAGE IN STATE-SUPPORTED  
14 COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

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## Subtitle

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18 LANGUAGE TO QUALIFY AS A FOREIGN  
19 LANGUAGE IN STATE-SUPPORTED COLLEGES AND  
20 UNIVERSITIES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 6, Chapter 61, Subchapter 1 is amended  
25 by adding the following language:

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"6-61-115. The American sign language may qualify as a foreign language  
28 for the purpose of meeting general elective credit requirements for graduation  
29 from state-supported colleges and universities in Arkansas if the American  
30 sign language is taught by a qualified instructor of American Sign Language  
31 and the course is conducted under the supervision of an instructor at the  
college or university as approved by that college or university.

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SECTION 2. All provisions of this Act of a general and permanent nature  
34 are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code  
35 Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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1 SECTION 3. If any provision of this Act or the application thereof to  
2 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect  
3 other provisions or applications of the Act which can be given effect without  
4 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this  
5 Act are declared to be severable.

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7 SECTION 4. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are  
8 hereby repealed.

9 /s/ Lendall

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12 APPROVED: 4/9/1999  
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