

1 AN ACT concerning education.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**  
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The School Code is amended by adding Section  
5 2-3.206 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/2-3.206 new)

7 Sec. 2-3.206. American Sign Language implementation. No  
8 later than July 1, 2026, the State Board of Education shall  
9 encourage districts to collect teaching resources to support  
10 American Sign Language programs. The teaching resources may  
11 include, but need not be limited to:

12 (1) the importance and benefits of American Sign  
13 Language instruction for early ages and the prevalence of  
14 American Sign Language in the United States;

15 (2) information on ways to implement American Sign  
16 Language instruction into kindergarten through grade 8  
17 curriculum; and

18 (3) information on how to properly administer American  
19 Sign Language instruction for students in kindergarten  
20 through grade 8.