Text of Proposed Repeal of 19 TAC

[~~Chapter 240. American Sign Language Certificate~~]

[~~§240.1. American Sign Language Certificate.~~]

[~~(a) The American Sign Language certificate shall be based upon completion of a teacher education program as described in §230.191 of this title (relating to Preparation Required in All Programs).~~]

[~~(b) Program requirements for the American Sign Language certificate shall consist of the development and assessment of proficiency of the following competencies in teacher candidates:~~]

[~~(1) Professional Development and Knowledge: The teacher demonstrates knowledge of learners (e.g., human development and learning processes), techniques for enhancing student achievement (e.g., planning, instructional strategies, assessment, communication methods), and the teaching environment.~~]

[~~(2) General Language Acquisition: The teacher demonstrates knowledge of general language acquisition and communications process theory, and knowledge of historical and current research on American Sign Language and signed/visual languages across language groups.~~]

[~~(3) Second Language Acquisition: The teacher demonstrates knowledge of language as a vehicle of culture, and knowledge of theories of second language learning.~~]

[~~(4) Teaching American Sign Language: The teacher demonstrates knowledge of effective methodologies for teaching particular aspects of American Sign Language, and knowledge of the history of American Sign Language and its evolution to modern usage.~~]

[~~(5) Linguistics of American Sign Language: The teacher demonstrates knowledge of grammatical features unique to American Sign Language and other visual languages, and knowledge of comparative and contrastive attributes of American Sign Language and English.~~]

[~~(6) Sociology/Cultural Anthropology: The teacher demonstrates knowledge of sociological theories, especially as related to the American Deaf culture and community, and can compare and contrast cultures.~~]

[~~(7) Aspects of the American Deaf Culture: The teacher demonstrates knowledge of the evolution of the American and International Deaf cultures, and knowledge of the social, political, educational, and audiological aspects of American Deaf culture, including cultural folklore as evidenced through humor, storytelling, art, poetry, and theater. The teacher demonstrates knowledge of federal and state legislation regarding the education and civil rights of individuals who are deaf.~~]

[~~(8) Communicating in American Sign Language: The teacher demonstrates the ability to communicate in American Sign Language at an appropriate level of proficiency, including using appropriate speed and enunciation and adherence to pronunciation parameters.~~]

[~~(c) Effective dates. Effective with the 1998-99 school year, individuals must hold an American Sign Language certificate to teach American Sign Language I, II, and III courses. Until that time, current rules for assignment of American Sign Language teachers apply.~~]

[~~(d) Assessment requirements.~~]

[~~(1) Teacher candidates for the American Sign Language certificate must have acceptable scores on appropriate state-adopted examinations of professional education and content knowledge.~~]

[~~(2) Individuals already certified in Texas who seek American Sign Language certification prior to September 1, 1999, must pass the Texas Assessment of Sign Communication - American Sign Language (TASC-ASL). Individuals assigned to teach American Sign Language in the 1996-97 school year or earlier must pass the TASC-ASL by the 1998-99 school year to become certified in American Sign Language and remain in the assignment.~~]

[~~(3) Individuals who are not certified who seek American Sign Language certification prior to September 1, 1999, must complete an approved program and have acceptable scores on the appropriate state-adopted examination of professional education and on the TASC-ASL.~~]

[~~(4) Individuals who are not already certified in Texas who seek American Sign Language certification on September 1, 1999, or later, must complete an approved program (unless certified out of state) and have acceptable scores on the appropriate state-adopted examination of professional education, the American Sign Language Examination for the Certification of Educators in Texas, and on the TASC-ASL.~~]

[~~(5) Individuals already certified in Texas who seek American Sign Language certification on September 1, 1999, or later, must have acceptable scores on the American Sign Language Examination for the Certification of Educators in Texas and on the TASC-ASL.~~]

[~~(e) Expiration date. The provisions of this section expire on September 1, 2006.~~]