

1 **SECTION 2.(a)** Chapter 115D-5 of the General Statutes is amended by
2 adding a new subsection to read:

3 "(r) The State Board of Community Colleges shall develop curriculum and
4 continuing education standards for courses of instruction in American Sign Language
5 and shall encourage community colleges to offer courses in American Sign Language as
6 a modern foreign language."

7 **SECTION 2.(b)** The State Board of Community Colleges shall report to the
8 Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee by October 1, 2007, on the
9 implementation of this section.

10 **SECTION 3.(a)** G.S. 116-11 is amended by adding a new subdivision to
11 read:

12 **"§ 116-11. Powers and duties generally.**

13 The powers and duties of the Board of Governors shall include the following:

14 . . .

15 (4b) The Board of Governors shall encourage the constituent institutions to
16 offer courses in American Sign Language as a modern foreign
17 language."

18 **SECTION 3.(b)** The Board of Governors of The University of North
19 Carolina shall report to the Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee by
20 October 1, 2007, on the implementation of this section.

21 **SECTION 4.** This act is effective when it becomes law.