

HOUSE BILL No. 2621

By Committee on Education

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1 AN ACT concerning education; relating to the state school for the deaf;
2 prohibiting the dismissal or transfer of a student who gains access to
3 hearing.
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5 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

6 Section 1. In recognition of the academic, social and developmental
7 benefits of American Sign Language as a foundational language and
8 bridge to American Sign Language and English bilingual education for
9 children who are deaf, hard-of-hearing or speech impaired, any child who
10 established American Sign Language as a foundational language while
11 being deaf or hard-of-hearing who gains access to hearing by
12 amplification, medical intervention, natural cause or other means shall not
13 be dismissed from special education services or transferred out of or
14 denied attendance at the Kansas state school for the deaf for the reason of
15 access to hearing.

16 Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
17 publication in the statute book.