

A BILL

To enact section 3345.281 of the Revised Code to require state-supported colleges and universities to ensure that instruction to students is provided only by teaching assistants who have demonstrated oral proficiency in the use of the English language.

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

Section 1. That section 3345.281 of the Revised Code be enacted to read as follows:

Sec. 3345.281. Teaching assistants to be orally proficient in English

As used in this section, "teaching assistant" means a student enrolled full-time or part-time in a graduate degree program at an educational institution for which the student has received an appointment to provide classroom-related services.

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF EACH STATE UNIVERSITY, COLLEGE OF MEDICINE, TECHNICAL COLLEGE, STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE, COMMUNITY COLLEGE, AND THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OR MANAGING AUTHORITY OF EACH UNIVERSITY BRANCH SHALL ESTABLISH A PROGRAM TO ASSESS THE ORAL ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY OF ALL TEACHING ASSISTANTS PROVIDING CLASSROOM INSTRUCTION TO STUDENTS AND SHALL ENSURE THAT TEACHING ASSISTANTS WHO ARE NOT ORALLY PROFICIENT IN THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE ATTAIN SUCH PROFICIENCY PRIOR TO PROVIDING CLASSROOM INSTRUCTION TO STUDENTS.

Section 2. The program required by section 3345.281 of the Revised Code, as enacted by this act, shall be fully implemented, so as to ensure the oral English language proficiency of all teaching assistants providing classroom instruction, by the beginning of the 1986-87 academic year.