

**CHAPTER 62****(SB 90)**

AN ACT relating to deaf and hard of hearing training programs.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:*

➔Section 1. KRS 164.4781 is amended to read as follows:

There shall be an interpreter training program at one (1) *or more* public *institutions*~~[institution]~~ of higher education to ensure that qualified interpreters are available to meet the needs of deaf and hard of hearing students attending the institutions of higher education *and deaf and hard of hearing consumers throughout the Commonwealth*.~~[The Council on Postsecondary Education shall select an institution which has demonstrated expertise in training interpreters and is currently providing support services for deaf and hard of hearing students to develop and offer the training program.]~~ The program shall lead to a minimum of an associate degree in interpreting. The *program*~~[university shall implement an extension interpreter training program which shall move to different sites throughout the state from year to year. These programs]~~ shall be exempt from the normal student load requirements for a period of ten (10) years *from its implementation* or until it can be clearly demonstrated that an adequate supply of interpreters is available in all parts of the state, whichever is later.

**Signed by Governor April 10, 2008.**