



Northern Ireland
Assembly

Sign Language Bill

Notice of Amendments tabled on
11 February 2026 for Consideration Stage

Clause 2, Page 2, Line 17

At end insert—

‘(4) The Department must also make arrangements for ensuring the availability of classes—

(a) taught by accredited teachers or other suitable persons, and

(b) for people aged 25 and over who become deaf, and their close families and carers, to learn (or improve proficiency in) the Language.

(5) The Department may by regulations subject to negative resolution provide for a fee to be payable for classes provided under subsection (4).

(6) In setting a fee the Department must aim to ensure that in any financial year the income from the fee does not exceed the costs arising from the provision of classes.’

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Clause 4, Page 3, Line 7

Leave out ‘Chapter’ and insert ‘section’

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Clause 11, Page 6, Line 33

Leave out ‘who normally use’ and insert ‘who will benefit from using’

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