

Talking Points Worksheet – Education for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing

- **What we are asking for:** Pass SB 8 and HB 39: Education for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing.
- **Why do we want you to pass these bills:**
 - Parents of children who are Deaf or hard of hearing do not always know about American Sign Language (ASL) or other language options for their children.
 - Deaf and hard of hearing children have the same ability to learn language and the same rights to go to school, graduate, and to get a job as hearing children.
 - Deaf and hard of hearing children should be able to learn from teachers who communicate through the same language they do without an interpreter.
 - Deaf and hard of hearing children should be able to spend time with and play with other children who use the same language they do without an interpreter.
 - Deaf and hard of hearing children need to be around successful Deaf adult role models so they learn they can grow up to be anything they want.
 - Deaf and hard of hearing children have the same rights to participate in all school programs and activities as hearing children.
 - 18 other states have already passed a similar bill.

Notes:
