

House of Representatives

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General Assembly

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House Bill No. 6477 As Amended by House Amendment Schedule "A"

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AN ACT REQUIRING A PLAN FOR THE TRANSLATION AND REVIEW OF FORMS AND APPLICATIONS REQUIRED TO ACCESS STATE AGENCY SERVICES OR BENEFITS BY LIMITED-ENGLISH PROFICIENT INDIVIDUALS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (Effective from passage) (a) As used in this section, (1) 2 "individual with limited-English proficiency" means an individual 3 whose primary and preferred language is not English, and who has a 4 limited ability to read, speak, write or understand English, (2) "vital 5 record" has the same meaning as provided in section 7-36 of the general 6 statutes, and (3) "identification document" means a document that can 7 be used to verify the holder's identity, including, but not limited to, a 8 driver's license.

9 (b) Not later than January 1, 2026, the office of the Governor shall 10 develop a plan for the review and translation of printed or electronic 11 forms or applications required to access services or benefits provided by executive branch state agencies, including, but not limited to, all forms or applications necessary to access vital records or to obtain identification documents, into the twelve most common non-English languages spoken by individuals with limited-English proficiency in the state based on the data in the most recent American Community Survey published by the United States Census Bureau.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	from passage	New section

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OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill requires that the Office of the Governor (OTG) develop a plan to review and translate into twelve additional languages, certain state forms including vital records, and identification resulting in no fiscal impact to the state.

House "A" strikes the underlying bill and results in the fiscal impact described above.

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State Impact: None Municipal Impact: None

OLR Bill Analysis HB 6477 (as amended by House "A")

AN ACT REQUIRING A PLAN FOR THE TRANSLATION AND REVIEW OF ALL FORMS AND APPLICATIONS REQUIRED TO ACCESS STATE AGENCY SERVICES OR BENEFITS BY LIMITED-ENGLISH PROFICIENT INDIVIDUALS.

SUMMARY

The Office of Legislative Research does not analyze Special Acts.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Government Administration and Elections Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 13 Nay 6 (03/26/2025)