

General Assembly

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Committee Bill No. 6477

Referred to Committee on GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS

Introduced by: (GAE)

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.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*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 statutes, and (3) "identification document" means a document that can 6 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 Commissioner of 10 Administrative Services shall develop a plan for the review and 11 translation of all printed or electronic forms or applications required to 12 access services or benefits provided by executive branch state agencies, 13 including, but not limited to, 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 limitedEnglish proficiency in the state based on the data in the most recent
American Community Survey published by the United States Census
Bureau. Thereafter, the commissioner shall update such plan as
necessary, but not less than every two years.

(c) Not later than February 1, 2026, each state agency in the executive
branch shall (1) adopt and implement the plan developed under
subsection (b) of this section and update such plan every two years
thereafter, and (2) designate a language access coordinator to work with
the Department of Administrative Services to ensure compliance with
such plan.

This act sha sections:	ll take effect as follo	ws and shall amend the following
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GAE Joint Favorable