



General Assembly

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**Substitute Bill No. 5347**



**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. (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 records" 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, 2027, 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  
14 vital records or to obtain identification documents, into the twelve most  
15 common non-English languages spoken by individuals with limited-  
16 English proficiency in the state based on the data in the most recent  
17 American Community Survey published by the United States Census  
18 Bureau. Thereafter, the commissioner shall update such plan as

19 necessary, but not less than every two years.

20 (c) Not later than February 1, 2027, each state agency in the executive  
21 branch shall (1) adopt and implement the plan developed under  
22 subsection (b) of this section and update such plan every two years  
23 thereafter, and (2) designate a language access coordinator to work with  
24 the Department of Administrative Services to ensure compliance with  
25 such plan.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section

**Statement of Legislative Commissioners:**

In Section 1(a)(2), "vital record" was changed to "vital records", for consistency.

**GAE**      *Joint Favorable Subst. -LCO*