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Offered by:
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"AN ACT CONCERNING CAPTIVE AUDIENCE MEETINGS."

1 In line 71, after "duties." insert the following:

2 "(g) Each employer subject to the provision of this section shall
3 create and post, in a conspicuous place which is readily available for
4 viewing by its employees, a notice, listing an employee's rights under
5 this section. Such notice shall be printed in the official language of the
6 state pursuant to section 501 of this act."

7 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and
8 internal references accordingly:

9 "Sec. 501. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2011*) (a) The official language of
10 the state shall be English. Neither the state nor any political
11 subdivision of the state shall require by ordinance, regulation, order,
12 program or policy the use in the state of any language other than
13 English. Governmental officials and employees shall be bound by the
14 provisions of this section during the performance of government
15 business. No governmental document shall be valid, effective or

16 enforceable unless it is printed in the English language. The state and
17 all political subdivisions of the state shall take all reasonable steps to
18 preserve, protect and enhance the role of the English language as the
19 official language of the state.

20 (b) Notwithstanding any provision of subsection (a) of this section,
21 the state and political subdivisions of the state may act in a language
22 other than English to (1) assist students who are not proficient in the
23 English language by providing educational instruction in languages
24 other than English to provide as rapid as possible a transition to
25 English, (2) provide foreign language instruction as part of a required
26 or voluntary education curriculum, (3) allow for Latin on the state seal
27 and on government documents, (4) allow legislators to communicate
28 with constituents in languages other than English, (5) comply with
29 federal laws, (6) protect public health and safety, and (7) protect the
30 rights of criminal defendants or victims of crime. Nothing in this
31 subsection shall prohibit the printing of proper names."