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**Amendment**

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**"AN ACT CONCERNING ACCESS TO POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION."**

1      After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and  
2      internal references accordingly:

3      "Sec. 501. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2011*) (a) The official language of  
4      the state shall be English. Neither the state nor any political  
5      subdivision of the state shall require by ordinance, regulation, order,  
6      program or policy the use in the state of any language other than  
7      English. Governmental officials and employees shall be bound by the  
8      provisions of this section during the performance of government  
9      business. No governmental document shall be valid, effective or  
10     enforceable unless it is printed in the English language. The state and  
11     all political subdivisions of the state shall take all reasonable steps to  
12     preserve, protect and enhance the role of the English language as the  
13     official language of the state.

14     (b) Notwithstanding any provision of subsection (a) of this section,  
15     the state and political subdivisions of the state may act in a language

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