

HB0551/154632/1

BY: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 551
(Third Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 7, after “representation” insert “and certain other legal and related services”; in line 8, after “times;” insert “authorizing certain parents to request the translation of certain information under certain circumstances; requiring certain individualized education program teams to provide certain parents with a certain translation of certain information within a certain time frame;”; in line 10, after “processes;” insert “requiring the Department and county boards of education to submit certain reports on or before certain dates;”; and in line 14, after “8-405(b)(3)” insert “and (4)”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, in line 15, after “REPRESENTATION” insert “AND OTHER FREE OR LOW-COST LEGAL AND RELATED SERVICES AVAILABLE IN THE AREA”; after line 18, insert:

“(4) (I) IF THE NATIVE LANGUAGE SPOKEN BY A PARENT WHO REQUESTS INFORMATION UNDER PARAGRAPH (3) OF THIS SUBSECTION IS SPOKEN BY MORE THAN 1% OF THE STUDENT POPULATION IN THE LOCAL SCHOOL SYSTEM, THE PARENT MAY REQUEST THAT THE INFORMATION BE TRANSLATED INTO THE PARENT’S NATIVE LANGUAGE.

“(II) IF A PARENT MAKES A REQUEST UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH, THE INDIVIDUALIZED EDUCATION PROGRAM TEAM SHALL PROVIDE THE PARENT WITH THE TRANSLATED DOCUMENT WITHIN 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF THE REQUEST.”;

after line 21, insert:

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“SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, on or before December 1, 2016, the State Department of Education shall report to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee and the House Committee on Ways and Means regarding:

(1) whether there are economies of scale that can be utilized to lessen the financial impact of this Act; and

(2) how the needs of students whose parents speak a native language that is spoken by less than 1% of the student population in the local school system can be addressed.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

(1) on or before August 1, 2018, each county board of education shall report to the State Department of Education regarding the number of requests received under § 8-405(b)(4)(i) of the Education Article, as enacted by Section 1 of this Act, the cost of satisfying these requests, whether it would be feasible to have the number of requests increase, and if so, by how many requests; and

(2) on or before September 1, 2018, the State Department of Education shall compile the information received under item (1) of this section and submit the information to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee and the House Committee on Ways and Means.”;

and in line 22, strike “2.” and substitute “4.”.