

House Amendment 1771

Amendment Text

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1 1 Amend [Senate File 165](#), as amended, passed, and
1 2 reprinted by the Senate, as follows:
1 3 #1. By striking everything after the enacting
1 4 clause and inserting the following:
1 5 "Section 1. NEW SECTION. 1.18 ENGLISH PLUS.
1 6 1. The general assembly of the state of Iowa finds
1 7 and declares the following:
1 8 a. Many United States citizens have native
1 9 languages other than English, including many languages
1 10 indigenous to the North American continent, and many
1 11 members of society have not had an equal opportunity
1 12 to learn English.
1 13 b. The ability to communicate in English and other
1 14 languages has promoted and can further enhance Iowa's
1 15 economic, political, and cultural vitality, and
1 16 contributes to the state's productivity and nationwide
1 17 competitiveness.
1 18 c. Fundamental values and state and national
1 19 documents ensure tolerance and respect for diversity
1 20 and guarantee all persons equal protection under the
1 21 law.
1 22 d. A need exists for a vastly expanded network of
1 23 facilities for comprehensive English language
1 24 instruction and services to ensure that all persons in
1 25 the state have the ability to exercise the rights and
1 26 responsibilities of full participation in society. A
1 27 need exists to offer English as a primary language in
1 28 classes at Iowa community colleges, state
1 29 universities, and public schools.
1 30 e. A need exists to foster multiple language
1 31 skills among all people in the state in order to
1 32 promote Iowa's position in the world marketplace and
1 33 to strengthen Iowa's conduct of relations with other
1 34 countries.
1 35 f. A need exists to endorse the concept of English
1 36 Plus in order to promote public civility and the
1 37 fundamental values and objectives of society.
1 38 2. Laws containing restrictionist language shall
1 39 not be enacted in Iowa that will impede a citizen's
1 40 right to vote, infringe on a citizen's civil rights,
1 41 foster governmental interference in private activity
1 42 and free commerce, or cause social disunity."
1 43 #2. Title page, line 1, by striking the word
1 44 "reaffirmation" and inserting the following: "plus".
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1 48 [HATCH](#) of Polk
1 49 [SF 165.333](#) 79
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