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(COMPANION TO LSB 1158SS
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A BILL FOR

1 An Act establishing English as the common language of the state.
2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 1.18 COMMON LANGUAGE OF STATE.

2 The common language of the state shall be the English
3 language and all official proceedings, records, and
4 publications shall be in the English language. The
5 requirements of this section establishing English as the
6 common language of the state shall not apply to any of the
7 following:

8 1. To state employees in the oral or verbal, as opposed to
9 written, performance of government business.

10 2. To instruction in foreign language classes.

11 3. To instruction designed to aid students with limited
12 English proficiency.

13 4. When deemed to interfere with the needs of the judicial
14 system.

15 5. When public health, safety, and emergency services
16 require the use of other languages.

17 6. To the promotion of international commerce and tourism.

18 EXPLANATION

19 This bill establishes English as the common language of the
20 state, to be utilized in official proceedings, records, and
21 publications. Several exceptions to the provisions are
22 specified.

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