

4. Documents describing how to participate in a program or how to receive language assistance; and

5. Notices pertaining to the reduction, denial, or termination of services or benefits or the right to appeal such actions; and

(ii) The interpretation through one or more of the following:

1. Bilingual staff;
2. Contract interpreters;
3. Community volunteers; or
4. Telephonic interpreter services.

(e) (1) The Department of Human Resources, in conjunction with the Department of Planning, and on or before September 1, 2001, shall prepare:

(i) An estimate of the number of limited English proficiency persons by county and language subgroup; and

(ii) An estimate of increased utilization rates if comprehensive interpretation and translation services are implemented in State programs.

(2) The estimates in paragraph (1) of this subsection shall be based on:

- (i) Census data;
- (ii) Data from school systems and community agencies;
- (iii) Current utilization data from client files; and

(iv) Other socio-economic indicators relevant to each State agency, including relative rates of poverty, crime, and workplace accidents.

(f) The Department of Human Resources shall report to the Senate Economic and Environmental Affairs Committee and the House Commerce and Government Matters Committee on or before November 30, 2001 on the implementation of this Act.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect ~~October~~ July 1, 2001. It shall remain effective for a period of 6 months and, at the end of December 31, 2001, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.

May 17, 2001

The Honorable Casper R. Taylor, Jr.  
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Dear Mr. Speaker: