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S.B. No. 1616

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to designating English as the official language of this state.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. The legislature finds and declares:

(1) English is the language of commerce around the world;

(2) many corporations select English as the official corporate language or emphasize the use of English for corporate purposes; and

(3) knowledge of English assists individuals who are assimilating into the United States.

SECTION 2. The heading to Chapter 3101, Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

CHAPTER 3101. STATE SYMBOLS AND LANGUAGE

SECTION 3. Chapter 3101, Government Code, is amended by designating Sections 3101.001 through 3101.013 as Subchapter A and adding a subchapter heading to read as follows:

SUBCHAPTER A. STATE SYMBOLS

SECTION 4. Chapter 3101, Government Code, is amended by adding Subchapter B to read as follows:

SUBCHAPTER B. OFFICIAL LANGUAGE

Sec. 3101.051. OFFICIAL LANGUAGE. The English language is designated as the official language of this state.

1 Sec. 3101.052. TRANSLATION OR EXPLANATION OF OFFICIAL STATE
2 DOCUMENTS, MATERIALS, AND WEBSITE CONTENT. Notwithstanding any
3 other law, an unofficial and nonbinding translation or explanation
4 of an official state document, written material, or website content
5 may be provided or published separately in a language other than the
6 official language of this state only if the translation or
7 explanation:

8 (1) is made and distributed without cost to this
9 state;

10 (2) is appropriately labeled as unofficial and
11 nonbinding; and

12 (3) states the actions required to obtain or view the
13 official state document, written material, or website content.

14 SECTION 5. Section [2054.116](#), Government Code, is repealed.

15 SECTION 6. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.