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The English Language Unity Act And The Coronavirus Pandemic



The English Language Unity Act, also known as S. 678 in the United States Senate and H.R. 997 in the United States House of Representatives, was constructed precisely to deal with national crises such as the coronavirus pandemic.

The text of the English Language Unity Act states that, in terms of its practical effect, it shall not apply to “actions or documents that protect the public health and safety.”

This exception was specifically carved into the English Language Unity Act for situations like the coronavirus pandemic, so that all Americans understand and enjoy the full benefits of public health and safety communications from the government during times of national crisis such as we are experiencing right now in 2020.

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Trump Administration Favors English Speakers In New Public Charge Rule



The Trump administration has begun to implement a new federal regulation geared toward stopping likely welfare-dependent legal immigrants from permanently resettling in the USA, and English language proficiency is a key factor in the new rule.

As ProEnglish first reported in August of 2019, the Trump administration is seeking self-sufficient immigrants who are proficient in English for green cards to permanently remain in the USA over those who are non-English speakers and reliant on welfare.

Under the terms of the new regulation, the Department of Homeland Security “will consider whether the alien is proficient in English or proficient in other languages in addition to English as part of the public charge inadmissibility determination. People who spoke a language other than English at home were less likely to be employed, and less likely to find full-time work when employed.”

Official English Bill To Be Pursued In New York In 2020



New York State Senator Pam Helming informed ProEnglish that in 2020 she will be trying to move her legislation forward to make English the official language of New York.

Sen. Helming has seen the need to promote unity and to create a common bond among all of New York’s citizens, and passage of S. 163, which would designate English as New York’s official language, would accomplish this and would have an immediate, unifying impact in the Empire State.

32 states across the nation have declared English to be their official language, and New York and Wisconsin both will be pursuing official English legislation in 2020.

UK Backs English In New Immigration Plan



British Prime Minister Boris Johnson recently stated that there were “too many parts of our country” where English was not spoken as a primary language, and he wants to require all immigrants to Britain to learn English.

At a Conservative Party leadership event, Johnson observed: “I want everybody who comes here and makes their lives here to be, and to feel, British – that’s the most important thing – and to learn English. And too often there are parts of our country, parts of London and parts of other cities as well, where English is not spoken by some people as their first language and that needs to be changed.”

Johnson’s government is proposing a new, points-based immigration system where workers must prove that they can speak English, have a verified job offer, and can meet a points threshold that is based on their English language proficiency, specific skills, qualifications, and prospective salaries.



Rep. Barry Loudermilk Co-Sponsors English Language Unity Act

Rep. Barry Loudermilk of Georgia is the latest co-sponsor of the English Language Unity Act in the United States House of Representatives in the 116th Congress.

The bill, also known as H.R. 997, had 5 original co-sponsors, and is adding new co-sponsors on a consistent basis.

H.R. 997 designates English as the nation's official language of governmental operations and establishes a uniform language requirement for the citizen naturalization process.

H.R. 997 had the support of 73 members of the U.S. House of Representatives in the entire 115th Congress, and ProEnglish seeks even greater support of the bill in the 116th Congress.

The Senate companion bill to H.R. 997, labeled S. 678 in the 116th Congress, was sponsored by Sen. James Inhofe of Oklahoma. It had 7 supporters in the U.S. Senate in the entire 115th Congress, and ProEnglish also seeks even greater support of the bill in the 116th Congress.

The passage of official English legislation in H.R. 997 and S. 678 will save Americans billions of dollars in current, government-mandated translation and interpretation costs and will encourage cultural and linguistic assimilation by new arrivals to our nation.



Trump Backs Merit-Based Immigration In State Of The Union Address

President Donald Trump backed a new, merit-based immigration system in his State of the Union address, and such a system likely would feature English language proficiency as a key component of his administration's new immigration plan.

In his State of the Union address, President Trump stated: "[We] are working on legislation to replace our outdated and randomized immigration system with one based on merit,

Jose Abreu Respects American Culture And The English Language

Chicago White Sox superstar Jose Abreu respects American culture so much that he is immersing himself in the English language and he wants to sing "God Bless America" during the 7th inning stretch of a 2020 White Sox home game.



Abreu was born in Cuba and began playing for the White Sox in 2014 when he was the American League Rookie of the Year. He has appeared in 3 All-Star Games.

Abreu told the MLB website that he is learning English based partially on his two young sons' command of the language.

"My oldest, he already speaks very good English, and my youngest is already speaking in English," Abreu told MLB. "I don't want to find myself in a situation where I can't understand what they are saying. I know that I need to improve my [English] language and my speaking."

Abreu also wants to sing "God Bless America" during a White Sox home game as a show of thanks and respect.

"It means a lot," Abreu observed. "It's just a little thing I can do to show my respect for this country. How thankful I am for the way that the people have been welcoming me. That's just a little sign of respect for the country and for the American people. Like I said, they respect us, and we have to respect them. We respect their culture and the way they received us and welcomed us."

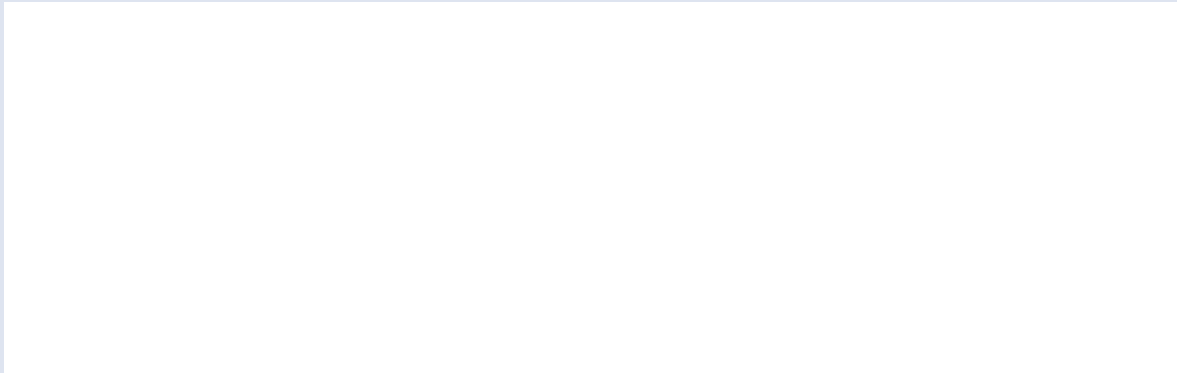
welcoming those who follow the rules, contribute to our economy, support themselves financially, and uphold our values."

President Trump's new immigration proposal would likely be similar to those used by Canada, Australia, New Zealand, and other countries, and likely would feature a points-based selection system. Immigration candidates would potentially receive points based on a wide variety of assets, including a person's age, skill set, education, employment offers, ability to create other jobs, and English language proficiency.

President Trump has stated in the past that "to promote integration, assimilation, and national unity, future immigrants will be required to learn English and to pass a civics exam prior to admission."

Trump also has observed: "Through these steps, we will deliver an immigration system that respects, and even strengthens our culture, our traditions, and our values."

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- President Theodore Roosevelt

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