
This legislation updates, renews, and reinvigorates Illinois’ continued commitment to using plain language in communicating with the public.

- In 2009, a Plain Language Task Force was created by Illinois statute. It does not appear that the Task Force was fully appointed or completed its charge.

- This bill would instruct the legislative branch, and advise the executive and judicial branches, to use plain language when drafting legislation, executive orders, and other public facing documents.

- The Plain Language Task Force would be restarted and engaged to implement, monitor, and maintain this legislative initiative, including training requirement and other assistance, and release a report within one year about the implementation of this Act and the state of plain language efforts in Illinois government.

This legislation mirrors the federal Plain Writing Act of 2010 and includes the federal guidance on the importance of plain language communication efforts.

- Plain language increases the public’s understanding of rights and benefits as well as compliance with responsibilities and requirements.

- Clear communication leads to the successful and efficient achievement of legislative and administrative goals and also promotes the rule of law.

This legislation is one small but important way that the General Assembly can make the government more user-friendly and accessible for all Illinoisans.

- Illinois has an opportunity to be on the forefront of establishing a system that is transparent and encourages public participation and collaboration.

- With all the tough calls and difficult decisions to be made in Springfield these days, this is an easy way to make a positive impact on everyday people navigating critically important systems.

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