



## SB 3139—Illinois Plain Language Task Force Act (Sens. Collins, Sims; Rep. Fine)

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**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.