

Senate Bill 335

By: Senators Douglas of the 17th, Schaefer of the 50th, Hill of the 32nd and Hawkins of the 49th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 50-3-100 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the
2 designation of English as the official language of Georgia, so as to prohibit a state agency
3 or political subdivision of this state from requiring an employee to speak or learn any
4 language other than the official language of the state in order to be employed, maintain
5 employment, or to be eligible for a promotion; to provide for exceptions; to provide an
6 effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 Code Section 50-3-100 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the designation
10 of English as the official language of Georgia, is revised by adding a new subsection (e) as
11 follows:

12 "(e) No state agency, county, municipality, or any political subdivision of this state shall
13 require a person who is employed or seeking employment or promotion with such entity
14 to speak a foreign language or to complete foreign language training; nor shall any such
15 entity give preferential treatment to any person employed or seeking employment or
16 promotion for the ability to speak a foreign language or receiving foreign language
17 training. This subsection shall not apply to any position of employment for which the
18 ability to speak a foreign language is the primary function of that position, including
19 foreign language instructors, translators, and ambassadors. For purposes of this subsection,
20 'foreign language' means any language other than the official language of the State of
21 Georgia."

22 **SECTION 2.**

23 This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law
24 without such approval.

1 **SECTION 3.**

2 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.