

4. THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT; AND

5. FIVE INDEPENDENT AGENCIES, BOARDS, OR COMMISSIONS TO BE DETERMINED BY THE SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL.

10-1104.

EACH STATE DEPARTMENT, AGENCY, OR PROGRAM NOT LISTED OR IDENTIFIED UNDER § 10-1103(C) OF THIS SUBTITLE SHALL MONITOR ITS OPERATIONS TO DETERMINE IF THE STATE DEPARTMENT, AGENCY, OR PROGRAM SHOULD TAKE REASONABLE STEPS TO ACHIEVE EQUAL ACCESS TO PUBLIC SERVICES FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH LIMITED ENGLISH PROFICIENCY.

10-1105.

THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, SHALL PROVIDE CENTRAL COORDINATION AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO STATE DEPARTMENTS, AGENCIES AND PROGRAMS TO AID COMPLIANCE WITH THIS SUBTITLE.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act may not be construed to either recommend or require the creation of a State office to coordinate language translation and technical support for this Act. Each agency, department, or program required to implement the provisions of this Act shall do so without the assistance of a statewide office created to coordinate these services.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene and the Secretary of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation each shall:

(1) consider the impact on individuals with limited English proficiency and on the operations of State government that would likely result from an alteration of the definition of "vital documents" in § 10-1102 of the State Government Article, as enacted by Section 1 of this Act, to include applications and examinations related to an individual's licensure, certification, or registration by the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene or the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation; and

(2) on or before July 1, 2005, report to the General Assembly, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, on the conclusions reached under item (1) of this section.

SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect ~~October~~ July 1, 2002.

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