

HR 5759

English as the Official Language Act of 2008

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Rep. Miller, Jeff [R-FL-1]	R · FL		Apr 22, 2008
Rep. Cubin, Barbara [R-WY-At Large]	R · WY		Apr 29, 2008
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Rep. Platts, Todd Russell [R-PA-19]	R · PA		Jun 3, 2008
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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Referred To	Apr 10, 2008

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Government Operations and Politics

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
110 S 2715	Related bill	Mar 6, 2008: Read the second time. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 600.

Summary (as of Apr 10, 2008)

English as the Official Language Act of 2008 - Requires: (1) English to be the national language of the federal government; and (2) the federal government to preserve and enhance the role of English as the national language.

Provides that no person has a right, entitlement, or claim to have the federal government act, communicate, perform or provide services, or provide materials in any language other than English, unless specifically provided by statute.

Makes the English language version of a government form issued in a language other than English the sole authority for legal purposes.

Declares that this Act does not prohibit the use of a language other than English.

Actions Timeline

- **Apr 10, 2008:** Introduced in House
- **Apr 10, 2008:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR H2212)
- **Apr 10, 2008:** Referred to the House Committee on Education and Labor.