
OLR Bill Analysis

HB 6909 (as amended by House "A")*

AN ACT CONCERNING COMMUNITY OUTREACH BY STATE AGENCIES REGARDING APPROPRIATE TERMINOLOGY.

SUMMARY

This bill requires state agencies and employees, when referring to the Latin American community in an official communication or form, to use the terms "Latino," "Latina," and "Latine."

Under the bill, a "state agency" is any department, board, council, commission, institution, or other state executive branch agency, including constituent units and public higher education institutions. A "state employee" is any classified or unclassified employee of a state agency, excluding elected officials.

*House Amendment "A" replaces the original bill, which would have required state agencies to try to solicit feedback from members of a respective community regarding the appropriateness of any term that describes a particular community based on ethnicity, religious affiliation, race, gender identity, or sexual orientation before using the term in official communications or forms.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2023

COMMITTEE ACTION

Government Administration and Elections Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 19 Nay 0 (03/27/2023)