

**Senate Bill No. 78**

(By Senator Sypolt)

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[Introduced January 8, 2014; referred to the Committee on  
Government Organization; and then to the Committee on Finance.]  
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**FISCAL  
NOTE**

A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by  
adding thereto a new section, designated §2-1-3, relating to  
making English the official language of West Virginia.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:*

That the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, be amended  
by adding thereto a new section, designated §2-1-3, to read as  
follows:

**ARTICLE 1. COMMON LAW.**

**§2-1-3. English designated as official state language.**

English is hereby designated as the official language of the  
State of West Virginia. Notwithstanding any other provision of  
this code to the contrary, no state agency or political subdivision  
is required to provide any documents, information, literature or  
other written materials in any language other than English.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to make English the official language of West Virginia.

This section is new; therefore, strike-throughs and underscoring have been omitted.