

**HB 1540-S2 - DIGEST**

(AS OF HOUSE 2ND READING 3/01/17)

Requires state agencies, that are required by law or rule to provide public notices to a community or area to advise or inform the public about an imminent or emergent public health, safety, or welfare risk, to provide the notices in the language or in a manner that diverse residents can understand when a significant segment of the community speaks a language other than English and has limited proficiency in English.

Applies this requirement to notices that include proposed locations for criminal facilities or facilities that would house sex offenders.

Requires each local organization or joint local organization for emergency management that: (1) Produces a comprehensive emergency management plan, to include in the plan a communication plan for notifying significant segments of limited English speaking persons of an imminent or emergent public health, safety, or welfare risk; and

(2) Does not produce a comprehensive emergency management plan, to produce a separate communication plan for the notification.

Provides that this act is null and void if appropriations are not approved.