



INTERNATIONAL
RESCUE
COMMITTEE

EITS & HB302

September, 28th 2022

HB302: Refugee and Immigrant Student Policies Amendments

- Sponsors: Rep. Johnson and Sen. Thatcher
- Unanimous
- Designed to promote language access for ELL students and their families
- “enacts provisions relating to services for students learning English:”
 - amends provisions related to parent engagement with the education process;
 - requires an LEA to adopt a policy facilitating assistance to students learning English and their parents;
 - establishes the Educational Interpretation and Translation Services Procurement Advisory Council
 - requires the State Board of Education to provide information to the council;
 - requires the council to advise the purchasing director of the Division of Purchasing and General Services on certain services for students learning English;
 - requires the council to report to the Education Interim Committee;

Breaking down the bill: language access policies

“amends provisions related to parent engagement with the education process; requires an LEA to adopt a policy facilitating assistance to students learning English and their parents”

- LEA’s must establish language access policies for supporting ELL students and their families
- This may look like: interpretation services for parent teacher conferences, translation of important docs for school...
- USBE provides a model policy to LEAs.

Breaking down the bill: EITS

“establishes the Educational Interpretation and Translation Services Procurement Advisory Council; requires the State Board of Education to provide information to the council”

- Connecting stakeholders, community members, and affected voices, EITS is designed to elevate and amplify the needs of ELL students and their families.
- The membership of EITS is defined in HB302.
- USBE is required to inform EITS: top languages, etc.

Breaking down the bill: EITS' responsibilities

“requires the council to advise the purchasing director of the Division of Purchasing and General Services on certain services for students learning English; requires the council to report to the Education Interim Committee”

- EITS must advise USBE's purchasing director on the service needs for ELL students.
- EITS must report their findings to the Education Interim Committee.

The Future of EITS & This Work

- Implemented and integrated
- Sunset July 1st, 2025