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A bill for an act

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relating to the legislature; requiring the legislature to offer translation services to

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individuals who are members of a language minority; amending Minnesota Statutes

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2020, section 3.055, by adding a subdivision.

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

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Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 3.055, is amended by adding a subdivision

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to read:

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Subd. 1b. **Translation services.** To the extent practicable, the legislature must offer

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translation services and translated written materials to individuals who are members of a

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language minority. The translation services must assist these individuals in providing

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testimony in open meetings of legislative committees and in other interactions with legislators

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and the legislative process. Written materials required to be translated include but are not

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limited to official documents, brochures, and informational materials produced by the

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legislature, and newsletters, updates, and other mass communications sent from legislators

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to constituents. Written materials include all those provided in print or online. Translators

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provided under this subdivision must be certified by the American Translators Association.

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The house of representatives and the senate must adopt policies to implement this subdivision,

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including policies to ensure the communities most likely to benefit from translation services

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are adequately notified of the availability and process for accessing these services while on

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the Capitol complex.

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EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective January 1, 2022.