

Drafting Number: LLS 10-0359 **Date:** January 20, 2010 **Prime Sponsor(s):** Rep. Gardner B. **Bill Status:** House SVMA

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TITLE: CONCERNING THE USE OF PEOPLE FIRST LANGUAGE IN THE DRAFTING OF

LAWS.

Summary of Legislation

On and after the bill's effective date, the bill requires the use of people first language when drafting new or amended state statutes and administrative rules. The bill provides examples of people first language. The bill takes effect August 11, 2010, if the General Assembly adjourns on May 12, 2010, as scheduled, and no referendum petition is filed.

Assessment

The bill is assessed at having no fiscal impact; its requirements pertain only to **new or amended** state statutes and administrative rules. Once becoming law, the Office of Legislative Legal Services will use people first language when drafting statutes. Similarly, state agencies will use the prescribed language when promulgating rules.

Departments Contacted

All Departments