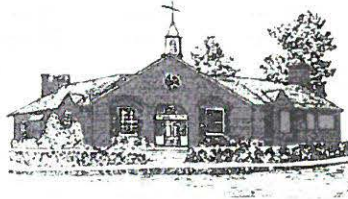


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Burrillville Town Council Resolution In opposition to Senate Bill S-2557 and House Bill H-7829 Mandatory Translation Services

WHEREAS, the Town Council of Burrillville believes in the tenets of the Open Meetings Laws of the State of Rhode Island and diligently seeks to comply with the requirements of the law; and

WHEREAS, the Rhode Island Senate Bill S-2557 and House Bill H-7829 will create an extraordinary unfunded mandate by requiring, upon request, that the translation services be provided by any public body subject to the provisions of the Open Meetings Laws of the State of Rhode Island; and

WHEREAS, the overly simplistic bill, as proposed, fails to recognize the large number of languages and dialects employed by citizens and non-citizens of the state and nation that hundreds of large and small, local public bodies would be required to be responsive to with no controlling criteria to avoid the risk of costly burdens of compliance without consideration of whether the need is genuine or even initiated by a resident of the city, town or state; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Burrillville respectfully requests that the Leaders of the House and Senate, the entire Burrillville delegation and all of the General Assembly membership reject Senate Bill S-2557 and House Bill H-7829 as an excessive unfunded mandate being imposed on the cities and towns of the State of Rhode Island.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to every Rhode Island municipality and Burrillville's legislators requesting their support in opposition to this legislation.

Adopted as a resolution this 13th day of April 2022.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Donald A. Fox".

Donald A. Fox, President
Burrillville Town Council

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Vicki T. Martin".

Vicki T. Martin, Town Clerk

