

## 103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY State of Illinois 2023 and 2024 SB2428

Introduced 2/10/2023, by Sen. Ram Villivalam

## SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

20 ILCS 415/8a.2

from Ch. 127, par. 63b108a.2

Amends the Personnel Code. Provides that the Director of Central Management Services may establish a special pay supplement for those positions of employment that require, pursuant to the Department of Central Management Services's official classification specification, that a person employed in that position speak and understand (rather than speak or write) a language other than English. Provides that the certification of language proficiency from an Illinois community college must be that the applicant for the special pay supplement be proficient in speaking and understanding a language other than English (rather than reading, writing, and speaking).

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1 AN ACT concerning State government.

## Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, represented in the General Assembly:

- Section 5. The Personnel Code is amended by changing Section 8a.2 as follows:
- 6 (20 ILCS 415/8a.2) (from Ch. 127, par. 63b108a.2)
  - Sec. 8a.2. For the purposes of the pay plan established under Section 8a of this Code, the Director may establish a special pay supplement for those positions of employment that require, pursuant to the Department's official classification specification, that a person employed in that position speak and understand or write a language other than English. Positions paid under Section 8a of this Code may be eligible for a bilingual pay supplement to attract bilingual individuals, to encourage present employees to become proficient in languages other than English, or to retain qualified bilingual employees.
    - The positions eligible for a bilingual pay supplement, the amount of the supplement and the length of time it remains in effect shall be negotiated between the Department and the appropriate collective bargaining representative as determined under the Illinois Public Labor Relations Act. The bilingual pay supplement may be negotiated for each foreign language

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required for the position by the Department's official classification specification.

A bilingual pay supplement shall be processed within 30 calendar days after the employee presents to the Director, or the Director's designee for this purpose, a certification from either: (i) the designated testing program process selected by the Director; or (ii) an Illinois community college confirming that language skill proficiency in reading, writing, and speaking and understanding a language other than English has been satisfied by the employee.

11 (Source: P.A. 102-952, eff. 1-1-23.)