Government sends new bill on integration declaration to Parliament

The government's new bill on the integration declaration, which clarifies requirements and expectations for newly-arrived refugees and family members, was sent to Parliament. There will be no separate criminal sanction, but the declaration specifies that violations of Norwegian law may result in criminal liability.

The declaration is intended to make it clear that work is the most important path to integration in Norway, and that it is crucial to learn Norwegian as early as possible to participate in working life and become part of the community.

Breaches of the obligations stated in the declaration may result in sanctions under other parts of the regulations, such as the Integration Act or the Penal Code. Thus, no separate sanctions are introduced for violating the declaration.

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