

HB 1395 -- Sanctuary for Illegal Aliens

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This bill prohibits a county, city, town, or village from enacting a sanctuary policy. A "sanctuary policy" is defined as an order, ordinance, or policy that prohibits its officials or employees from communicating or cooperating with federal agencies or officials regarding the immigration status of a person within the county, city, town, or village or an order, ordinance, or policy that allows illegal aliens to reside within the county, city, town, or village in violation of any federal immigration law.

A county, city, town, or village that enacts a sanctuary policy will be ineligible for any moneys provided through grants administered by any state agency or department until the sanctuary policy is repealed or is no longer in effect.

Any person under arrest or held in detention whom a county or municipal law enforcement officer reasonably believes is not legally present in the United States must be reported to the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS). County and municipal law enforcement officers must be notified in writing of their duty to cooperate with state and federal agents and officials regarding matters of immigration.

Counties and municipalities must annually report to the General Assembly by March 1 on the number of reports made to the USCIS.

No person arrested for a suspected act of domestic violence will be reported to the USCIS until the person is convicted of a domestic violence offense.