

HB 2134 -- WARRANT SERVICE OFFICER PROGRAM

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This bill requires the Missouri Department of Corrections to apply for participation in the "Warrant Service Officer Program" (WSO Program) offered through United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE).

Upon successful application, the Department must enter into an agreement with ICE for participation in the WSO Program and renew said agreement upon its expiration. If the Department's application is denied, the Department will ascertain from ICE the reason for the denial and make a good faith effort to address and remedy the reason for such denial, then reapply.

If the Department's application to the WSO Program is repeatedly denied, the Department can apply for a waiver from the State.

This bill also requires a sheriff in charge of a jail in any county to apply to participate in the WSO Program. Upon successful application, the sheriff must enter into an agreement with ICE for participation in the WSO Program and renew said agreement upon its expiration.

A county sheriff can choose to participate in ICE's Jail Enforcement Model, which authorizes the deputization of state and local law enforcement officers to interrogate a person for information relating to the person's immigration status and to issue an immigration detainer under Federal law. If the county sheriff participates in the Model, the sheriff will be exempt from the requirements for participation in the WSO Program.

If a county sheriff WSO Program application is denied, he or she must ascertain from ICE the reason for the denial and make a good faith effort to address and remedy the reason for such denial, then reapply.

If the county sheriff's application to the WSO Program is repeatedly denied, the sheriff can apply for a waiver from the State.