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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 577

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend House Bill 577 by replacing
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the
5 Immigration Safe Zones Act.

6 Section 5. Legislative findings. The General Assembly
7 finds that:

8 (1) This State is committed to ensuring that all residents
9 are treated equally notwithstanding race, religion, national
10 origin, disability status, sexual orientation, gender, or
11 immigration status.

12 (2) All residents of this State are entitled to live with
13 dignity and without fear.

14 (3) Immigrants are valuable and essential members of the
15 Illinois community, and should be able to live full and
16 productive lives without fear of the government.

1 (4) A relationship of trust between the Illinois immigrant
2 community and State and local agencies is central to the
3 public safety of the people of this State. This trust is
4 threatened when State and local agencies are entangled with
5 federal immigration enforcement, with the result that
6 immigrant community members fear going to court, seeking basic
7 health services, or attending school to the detriment of
8 public safety and the well-being of all residents of this
9 State.

10 (5) The General Assembly shall continue to strive to
11 create an environment where all residents are protected to the
12 best of this State's ability.

13 Section 10. Model policies for immigration enforcement.

14 (a) In this Section, "immigration enforcement" means any
15 and all efforts to investigate, enforce, or assist in the
16 investigation or enforcement of any federal civil immigration
17 law, including any and all efforts to investigate, enforce, or
18 assist in the investigation or enforcement of any federal
19 criminal immigration law that penalizes a person's presence
20 in, entry or reentry to, or employment in, the United States.

21 (b) The Attorney General by September 1, 2026, in
22 consultation with appropriate stakeholders, shall publish
23 model policies limiting assistance with immigration
24 enforcement to the fullest extent possible consistent with
25 federal and State law ensuring the following facilities remain

1 safe and accessible to all residents of this State, regardless
2 of immigration status:

3 (1) State-funded schools, including licensed day care
4 centers, pre-schools, and other early learning programs;
5 elementary and secondary schools; and institutions of
6 higher education;

7 (2) State-funded medical treatment and health care
8 facilities, including hospitals, health clinics, emergency
9 or urgent care facilities, nursing homes, group homes for
10 persons with developmental disabilities,
11 community-integrated living arrangements, and State mental
12 health facilities;

13 (3) public libraries;

14 (4) facilities operated by the Office of the Secretary
15 of State; and

16 (5) courts of this State.

17 (c) The model policies created under subsection (b) of
18 this Section shall incorporate protections against
19 unreasonable searches and seizures and requirements for
20 warrants based on probable cause guaranteed by the Fourth
21 Amendment of the United States Constitution, Article I,
22 Section 6 of the Illinois Constitution, and other relevant
23 constitutional and legal protections. Facilities enumerated in
24 subsection (b) of this Section shall implement the model
25 policy or an equivalent policy. All other organizations and
26 entities that provide services related to physical or mental

1 health and wellness or education are encouraged to adopt the
2 model policy.

3 Section 20. Review of file information; questions
4 regarding citizenship. On and after the effective date of this
5 Act, all applications, questionnaires, and interview forms
6 used in relation to benefits, opportunities, or services
7 provided by a State agency or in-State or in-district tuition
8 verification, scholarships, grants, or services provided by a
9 public elementary or secondary school or public institution of
10 higher education shall be promptly reviewed by that State
11 agency, school, or institution and any questions regarding
12 citizenship or immigration status, other than those required
13 by statute, ordinance, federal law, or court order shall be
14 removed within 60 days after the effective date of this Act.
15 Sixty days after the effective date of this Act, an
16 application, questionnaire, or interview form used in relation
17 to benefits, opportunities, or services provided by a State
18 agency or in-State or in-district tuition verification,
19 scholarships, grants, or services provided by a public
20 elementary or secondary school or public institution of higher
21 education shall not contain any questions regarding
22 citizenship or immigration status, other than those required
23 by statute, ordinance, federal law, or court order.

24 Section 97. Severability. The provisions of this Act are

1 severable under Section 1.31 of the Statute on Statutes.".