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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 1637

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend House Bill 1637 by replacing
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the Keep
5 Illinois Families Together Act.

6 Section 5. Findings. The General Assembly makes the
7 following findings:

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

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

15 (3) Immigrants are valuable and essential members of
16 the Illinois community and should be able to live full and

1 productive lives without fear of the government.

2 (4) A relationship of trust between this State's
3 immigrant community and State and local agencies is central
4 to the public safety of the people of Illinois. This trust
5 is threatened when State and local agencies are entangled
6 with federal immigration enforcement.

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

10 Section 15. Information collection and confidentiality.

11 (a) Within 6 months of the effective date of this Act, all
12 State agencies, public schools, and public institutions of
13 higher education shall review their confidentiality policies
14 to identify any changes necessary to limit collection of
15 information from individuals to that information necessary to
16 perform agency duties and to limit use or disclosure of
17 information for any other purpose.

18 (b) The review described in subsection (a) shall include a
19 review of all applications, questionnaires, and interview
20 forms used in relation to benefits, opportunities, or services
21 provided by a State agency, or to in-State or in-district
22 tuition verification, scholarship, grant, or service provided
23 by a public elementary or secondary school or public
24 institution of higher education. Within 6 months after the
25 effective date of this Act, all State agencies, public schools,

1 and public institutions of higher education shall remove any
2 questions regarding citizenship or immigration status from any
3 application, questionnaire, and interview form, other than
4 those questions required by statute, ordinance, federal law, or
5 court order. No State agency, public school, or public
6 institution of higher education may add any question regarding
7 citizenship or immigration status to any application,
8 questionnaire, or interview form unless those questions are
9 required by statute, ordinance, federal law, or court order.

10 (c) Any further necessary changes to agency, school, or
11 institutional confidentiality and data collection policies
12 must be made within one year of the effective date of this Act,
13 consistent with agency, school, or institutional procedures.
14 These policies must restrict any public employee from making
15 services conditional upon, or requesting information or proof
16 regarding a person's immigration or citizenship status or place
17 of birth, except as required by statute, ordinance, federal
18 law, or court order. These policies must also require that
19 public services are available to, and public employees must
20 serve, all Illinois residents without regard to immigration or
21 citizenship status.

22 Section 20. Public safety.

23 (a) In this Section:

24 "Law enforcement agency" means an agency in this State
25 charged with enforcement of State, county, or municipal

1 laws or with managing custody of detained persons in the
2 State, including municipal police departments, sheriff's
3 departments, campus police departments, the Department of
4 State Police, and the Department of Juvenile Justice.

5 "Law enforcement official" means any officer or other
6 agent of a State or local law enforcement agency authorized
7 to enforce criminal laws, rules, regulations, or local
8 ordinances or operate jails, correctional facilities, or
9 juvenile detention facilities or to maintain custody of
10 individuals in jails, correctional facilities, or juvenile
11 detention facilities also including any school resource
12 officer or other police or security officer assigned to any
13 public school, including any public pre-school and other
14 early learning program, public elementary and secondary
15 school, or public institution of higher education.

16 (b) On or after the effective date of this Act, no law
17 enforcement agency or official may enter into or remain in an
18 agreement under 8 U.S.C. 1357(g) or any other federal law that
19 authorizes State or local governmental entities to enforce
20 federal civil immigration laws.

21 (c) Nothing in this Section shall preclude a law
22 enforcement official from otherwise executing that official's
23 duties in ensuring public safety.

24 Section 97. Severability. The provisions of this Act are
25 severable under Section 1.31 of the Statute on Statutes.

1 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
2 becoming law.".