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AN ACT

RELATING TO PUBLIC BODIES; ENACTING THE IMMIGRANT SAFETY ACT;
PROHIBITING PUBLIC BODIES FROM ENTERING INTO AGREEMENTS USED TO
DETAIN INDIVIDUALS FOR FEDERAL CIVIL IMMIGRATION VIOLATIONS AND
REQUIRING THE TERMINATION OF ANY SUCH EXISTING AGREEMENTS;
PROHIBITING PUBLIC BODIES FROM OTHERWISE USING PUBLIC PROPERTY
TO FACILITATE DETAINING INDIVIDUALS FOR FEDERAL CIVIL
IMMIGRATION VIOLATIONS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

SECTION 1. [NEW MATERIAL] SHORT TITLE.--This act may be
cited as the "Immigrant Safety Act".

SECTION 2. [NEW MATERIAL] DEFINITION.--As used in the
Immigrant Safety Act, "public body" means a state or local
government, a sheriff's department, an advisory board, a
commission, an agency or an entity created by the constitution

1 of New Mexico or any branch of government that receives public
2 funding, including political subdivisions, special tax
3 districts, school districts and institutions of higher
4 education. "Public body" includes an entity or individual
5 acting on behalf of or within the scope of the authority of the
6 public body.

7 SECTION 3. [NEW MATERIAL] PROHIBITING PUBLIC BODIES FROM
8 ENTERING INTO AGREEMENTS USED TO DETAIN INDIVIDUALS FOR FEDERAL
9 CIVIL IMMIGRATION VIOLATIONS AND REQUIRING PUBLIC BODIES TO
10 TERMINATE ANY SUCH EXISTING AGREEMENTS.--

11 A. A public body shall not enter into, renew or
12 otherwise agree to be a party to an agreement to detain
13 individuals for federal civil immigration violations, including
14 an intergovernmental services agreement to detain individuals
15 for civil immigration violations.

16 B. A public body that is a party to an existing
17 agreement that is used to detain individuals for federal civil
18 immigration violations shall, upon the effective date of the
19 Immigrant Safety Act, terminate the agreement upon the earliest
20 date permissible under the terms of the agreement, with respect
21 to all provisions that relate to the detention of individuals
22 for federal civil immigration violations.

23 C. A public body shall not sell, trade, lease or
24 otherwise dispose of any real property to be used for the
25 detention of individuals for federal civil immigration

1 violations.

2 D. A public body shall not impose or continue in
3 effect any law, ordinance, policy or regulation that violates
4 or conflicts with the provisions of the Immigrant Safety Act.

5 E. Nothing in this section shall be construed to
6 limit the ability of law enforcement personnel to detain
7 individuals or to perform brief investigative stops as
8 permitted by state law.

9 SECTION 4. [NEW MATERIAL] ENFORCEMENT.--

10 A. The attorney general or a district attorney may
11 institute a civil action in district court if the attorney
12 general or district attorney has reasonable cause to believe
13 that a violation of the Immigrant Safety Act has occurred or to
14 prevent a violation of that act from occurring.

15 B. In an action brought under Subsection A of this
16 section, the court may award appropriate relief, other than
17 monetary damages, to include declaratory and temporary,
18 preliminary or permanent injunctive relief.

19 SECTION 5. [NEW MATERIAL] SEVERABILITY.--If any part or
20 application of the Immigrant Safety Act is held invalid, the
21 remainder or its application to other situations or persons
22 shall not be affected.