

ANTI-IMMIGRANT BILL **SB153**

North Carolina Border Protection Act

SB153 sponsored by Senate leader Phil Berger, Republican, **seeks to support President Donald Trump's anti-immigrant policies** by expanding collaboration between state agencies and federal immigration authorities, and penalizing local entities and governments that protect undocumented immigrants.

What does SB153 do?


1. Directs the following state agencies to establish collaborative agreements with Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) to identify and detain undocumented immigrants in the state:


- Department of Public Safety (NCDPS)
- State Highway Patrol
- Department of Adult Correction
- State Bureau of Investigation (SBI)

2. Requires the Department of Health and Human Services, the Department of Commerce, and the Housing Finance Agency to implement a plan to verify that no undocumented immigrant is receiving state benefits or assistance.


3. It establishes that local governments will lose their governmental immunity if they fail to comply with state laws that prohibit sanctuary ordinances to protect undocumented immigrants, that is, they could be the subject of lawsuits by citizens who feel harmed by undocumented immigrants.


4. Prohibits UNC constituent institutions from adopting sanctuary policies to protect undocumented students. It specifically prohibits limiting or restricting federal and local authorities' access to information about people's immigration status.

 Expanding collaboration between state agencies and ICE is not going to improve the safety of our communities. On the contrary, studies have shown that such agreements break trust between the community and local law enforcement and discourage witnesses and victims of crimes from cooperating with the authorities. It also leads to racial profiling and constitutional rights issues.

 SB153 is based on false anti-immigrant rhetoric that accuses undocumented immigrants of using State public benefits, when in fact they are prevented by current regulations from obtaining any public benefit, even though they contribute to fund them by contributing thousands of millions of dollars in taxes each year.

Why are we opposing SB153?

 Waiving government immunity from local governments not only threatens their discretion to enforce the best ordinances for the well-being of their communities, but it's also unnecessary because sanctuary policies are already prohibited by state law.

 Forcing university authorities to collaborate with ICE and to share sensitive information of students creates an environment of fear and insecurity for everyone on university campuses.

Take action!

Scan this QR code and your legislators to support the immigrant community and uphold the Governor's veto of this anti-immigrant bill!

