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HOUSE BILL DRH10143-SA-5

Short Title: The Criminal Illegal Alien Enforcement Act. (Public)

Sponsors: Representative D. Hall.

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO MODIFY ELIGIBILITY FOR RELEASE AND REQUIRE NOTIFICATION OF  
3 RELEASE TO IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS ENFORCEMENT WHEN A  
4 PRISONER IS SUBJECT TO AN IMMIGRATION DETAINER AND ADMINISTRATIVE  
5 WARRANT.

6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

7 **SECTION 1.(a)** G.S. 162-62 reads as rewritten:

8 "§ 162-62. Legal status of prisoners.

9 (a) When any person is confined for any period in a county jail, local confinement  
10 facility, district confinement facility, satellite jail, or work release unit, the administrator or other  
11 person in charge of the facility shall attempt to determine if the prisoner is a legal resident of the  
12 United States by an inquiry of the prisoner, or by examination of any relevant documents, or  
13 both, if the person is charged with any of the following offenses:

14 (1) A felony under G.S. 90-95.

15 (2) A felony under ~~Article 6, Article 7B, Article 10, Article 10A, or Article 13A~~  
16 any of the following Articles of Chapter 14 of the General Statutes.

17 a. Article 6.

18 b. Article 7B.

19 c. Article 10.

20 d. Article 10A.

21 e. Article 13A.

22 f. Article 14.

23 g. Article 16.

24 h. Article 16A.

25 i. Article 17.

26 j. Article 18.

27 k. Article 19.

28 l. Article 19A.

29 m. Article 19B.

30 n. Article 19C.

31 o. Article 20.

32 p. Article 20A.

33 q. Article 21.

34 (3) A Class A1 misdemeanor or felony under Article 8 of Chapter 14 of the  
35 General Statutes.

36 (4) Any violation of G.S. 50B-4.1.



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1           (5) Any offense involving impaired driving as defined in G.S. 20-4.01.

2           (b) If the administrator or other person in charge of the facility is unable to determine if  
3 that prisoner is a legal resident or citizen of the United States or its territories, the administrator  
4 or other person in charge of the facility holding the prisoner shall make a query of Immigration  
5 and Customs Enforcement of the United States Department of Homeland Security. If the prisoner  
6 has not been lawfully admitted to the United States, the United States Department of Homeland  
7 Security will have been notified of the prisoner's status and confinement at the facility by its  
8 receipt of the query from the facility.

9           (b1) When any person charged with a criminal offense is confined for any period in a  
10 county jail, local confinement facility, district confinement facility, satellite jail, or work release  
11 unit, and the administrator or other person in charge of the facility has been notified that  
12 Immigration and Customs Enforcement of the United States Department of Homeland Security  
13 has issued a detainer and administrative warrant that reasonably appears to be for the person in  
14 custody, the following shall apply:

15           (1) Prior to the prisoner's release, and after receipt of the detainer and  
16 administrative warrant, or a copy thereof, by the administrator or other person  
17 in charge of the facility, the prisoner shall be taken without unnecessary delay  
18 before a State judicial official who shall be provided with the detainer and  
19 administrative warrant, or a copy thereof.

20           (2) The judicial official shall issue an order directing the prisoner be held in  
21 custody if the prisoner appearing before the judicial official is the same person  
22 subject to the detainer and administrative warrant.

23           (3) Unless continued custody of the prisoner is required by other legal process, a  
24 prisoner held pursuant to an order issued under this subsection shall be  
25 released upon the first of the following conditions:

26           a. ~~The passage of 48 hours from receipt of the detainer and administrative~~  
27 ~~warrant.~~the time the prisoner would otherwise be released from the  
28 facility.

29           b. Immigration and Customs Enforcement of the United States  
30 Department of Homeland Security takes custody of the prisoner.

31           c. The detainer is rescinded by Immigration and Customs Enforcement  
32 of the United States Department of Homeland Security.

33           (4) For any prisoner held pursuant to an order issued under this subsection, within  
34 two hours of the time when the prisoner would otherwise be released from the  
35 facility, the administrator or other person in charge of the facility shall notify  
36 Immigration and Customs Enforcement of the United States Department of  
37 Homeland Security of the date and time that the prisoner will be released  
38 pursuant to sub-subdivision a. of subdivision (3) of this subsection. The  
39 notification shall be made in the manner indicated on the Department of  
40 Homeland Security Immigration Detainer – Notice of Action form.

41           (b2) No State or local law enforcement officer or agency shall have criminal or civil  
42 liability for action taken pursuant to an order issued under subsection (b1) of this section.

43           (c) Except as provided in subsection (b1) of this section, nothing in this section shall be  
44 construed to deny bond to a prisoner or to prevent a prisoner from being released from  
45 confinement when that prisoner is otherwise eligible for release.

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47           **SECTION 1.(b)** This section becomes effective December 1, 2025, and applies to  
48 offenses committed on or after that date.

49           **SECTION 2.(a)** If any provision of this act or its application is held invalid, the  
50 invalidity does not affect other provisions or applications of this act that can be given effect

1 without the invalid provisions or application and, to this end, the provisions of this act are  
2 severable.  
3           **SECTION 2.(b)** Except as otherwise provided, this act is effective when it becomes  
4 law.