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HOUSE BILL DRH10047-ND-27

Short Title: Prohibit LEO w/ICE Churches/Schools/Hospitals. (Public)

Sponsors: Representative Price.

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO PROHIBIT LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES AND OFFICERS FROM  
3 PARTICIPATING IN IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT IN NORTH CAROLINA  
4 PLACES OF RELIGIOUS WORSHIP, ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS,  
5 AND HOSPITALS.

6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

7 **SECTION 1.** Chapter 17F of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new  
8 section to read:

9 "**§ 17F-16. Prohibit law enforcement agencies and officers from participating in**  
10 **immigration enforcement in places of religious worship, elementary and**  
11 **secondary schools, and hospitals.**

12 (a) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, no criminal justice agency, as  
13 defined by G.S. 17C-2, or sheriff's office shall assist United States Immigration and Customs  
14 Enforcement in the (i) apprehension or arrest of persons for alleged or suspected immigration  
15 violations or (ii) service of warrants for removal from the United States in any of the following  
16 locations:

- 17 (1) A place of religious worship, including a church, chapel, meetinghouse,  
18 synagogue, temple, longhouse, or mosque, or other building that is regularly  
19 used, and clearly identifiable, as a place for religious worship.  
20 (2) A public or nonpublic school providing elementary or secondary instruction.  
21 (3) A hospital, as defined by G.S. 131E-76(3).

22 (b) Any current or future memorandum, agreement, or contract made between a criminal  
23 justice agency or sheriff's office and United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement shall  
24 be void to the extent that the performance of the memorandum, agreement, or contract would  
25 violate subsection (a) of this section.

26 (c) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, no criminal justice officer, as  
27 defined by G.S. 17C-2, or justice officer, as defined by G.S. 17E-2, shall assist United States  
28 Immigration and Customs Enforcement in the (i) apprehension or arrest of persons for alleged or  
29 suspected immigration violations or (ii) service of warrants for removal from the United States  
30 in any of the locations referenced in subsection (a) of this section.

31 (d) A willful violation of subsection (c) of this section may be used as grounds for the  
32 suspension, revocation, or denial of the certification of a criminal justice officer under Chapter  
33 17C of the General Statutes or a justice officer under Chapter 17E of the General Statutes.

34 (e) Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit criminal justice agencies,  
35 sheriffs' offices, criminal justice officers, or justice officers from enforcing the laws of this State  
36 to the extent authorized by law."



1           **SECTION 2.** The Criminal Justice Education and Training Standards Commission  
2 and the Sheriffs' Education and Training Standards Commission shall promulgate rules  
3 consistent with G.S. 17F-16, as created by Section 1 of this act.

4           **SECTION 3.** This act is effective when it becomes law and applies to assistance  
5 provided on or after that date.