



104TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2025 and 2026

SB2033

Introduced 2/6/2025, by Sen. Celina Villanueva

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

New Act

Creates the Immigration Safe Zones Act. Provides that, within 60 days after the effective date of the Act, the Attorney General shall, in consultation with the appropriate stakeholders, publish model policies limiting assistance with immigration enforcement to the fullest extent possible consistent with federal and State law ensuring that the following facilities remain safe and accessible to all residents of this State, regardless of immigration status: (1) State-funded schools, including licensed day care centers, pre-schools, and other early learning programs; elementary and secondary schools, and institutions of higher education; (2) State-funded medical treatment and health care facilities, including hospitals, health clinics, emergency or urgent care facilities, nursing homes, group homes for persons with developmental disabilities, community-integrated living arrangements, and State mental health facilities; (3) public libraries; (4) facilities operated by the Office of the Secretary of State; and (5) courts in this State. Provides that, on and after the effective date of the Act, all applications, questionnaires, and interview forms used in relation to benefits, opportunities, or services provided by a State agency or in-State or in-district tuition verification, scholarships, grants, or services provided by a public elementary or secondary school or public institution of higher education shall be promptly reviewed by that State agency, school, or institution, and any questions regarding citizenship or immigration status, other than those required by statute, ordinance, federal law, or court order, shall be removed within 60 days after the effective date of the Act. Makes other changes. Effective immediately.

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1 AN ACT concerning government.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the
5 Immigration Safe Zones Act.

6 Section 5. Legislative findings. The General Assembly
7 finds that:

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

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

14 (3) Immigrants are valuable and essential members of
15 the Illinois community, and should be able to live full
16 and productive lives without fear of the government.

17 (4) A relationship of trust between the Illinois
18 immigrant community and State and local agencies is
19 central to the public safety of the people of this State.
20 This trust is threatened when State and local agencies are
21 entangled with federal immigration enforcement, with the
22 result that immigrant community members fear going to
23 court, seeking basic health services, or attending school

1 to the detriment of public safety and the well-being of
2 all residents of this State.

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

6 Section 10. Model policies for immigration enforcement.

7 (a) In this Section, "immigration enforcement" means any
8 and all efforts to investigate, enforce, or assist in the
9 investigation or enforcement of any civil immigration warrant,
10 detainer request, or federal civil immigration law, including
11 any and all efforts to investigate, enforce, or assist in the
12 investigation or enforcement of any federal criminal
13 immigration law that penalizes a person's presence in, entry
14 or reentry to, or employment in, the United States.

15 (b) Within 60 days after the effective date of this Act,
16 the Attorney General, shall, in consultation with appropriate
17 stakeholders, publish model policies limiting assistance with
18 immigration enforcement to the fullest extent possible
19 consistent with federal and State law ensuring the following
20 facilities remain safe and accessible to all residents of this
21 State, regardless of immigration status:

22 (1) State-funded schools, including licensed day care
23 centers, pre-schools, and other early learning programs;
24 elementary and secondary schools; and institutions of
25 higher education;

1 (2) State-funded medical treatment and health care
2 facilities, including hospitals, health clinics, emergency
3 or urgent care facilities, nursing homes, group homes for
4 persons with developmental disabilities,
5 community-integrated living arrangements, and State mental
6 health facilities;

7 (3) public libraries;

8 (4) facilities operated by the Office of the Secretary
9 of State; and

10 (5) courts of this State.

11 (c) The model policies created under subsection (b) of
12 this Section shall incorporate protections against
13 unreasonable searches and seizures and requirements for
14 warrants based on probable cause guaranteed by the Fourth
15 Amendment of the United States Constitution, Article I,
16 Section 6 of the Illinois Constitution, and other relevant
17 constitutional and legal protections. Facilities enumerated in
18 subsection (b) of this Section shall implement the model
19 policy or an equivalent policy. All other organizations and
20 entities that provide services related to physical or mental
21 health and wellness or education are encouraged to adopt the
22 model policy.

23 Section 20. Review of file information; questions
24 regarding citizenship. On and after the effective date of this
25 Act, all applications, questionnaires, and interview forms

1 used in relation to benefits, opportunities, or services
2 provided by a State agency or in-State or in-district tuition
3 verification, scholarships, grants, or services provided by a
4 public elementary or secondary school or public institution of
5 higher education shall be promptly reviewed by that State
6 agency, school, or institution and any questions regarding
7 citizenship or immigration status, other than those required
8 by statute, ordinance, federal law, or court order, shall be
9 removed within 60 days after the effective date of this Act.
10 Sixty days after the effective date of this Act, an
11 application, questionnaire, or interview form used in relation
12 to benefits, opportunities, or services provided by a State
13 agency or in-State or in-district tuition verification,
14 scholarships, grants, or services provided by a public
15 elementary or secondary school or public institution of higher
16 education shall not contain any questions regarding
17 citizenship or immigration status, other than those required
18 by statute, ordinance, federal law, or court order.

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

21 Section 999. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
22 becoming law.