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SYNOPSIS

Lifts ban on State and local law enforcement cooperation with federal civil immigration authorities and creates fund to support cooperation; makes an appropriation; repeals section 3 of P.L.2026, c.5.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 10/29/2026)

1 AN ACT concerning immigration-related police practices,
2 supplementing Title 52 of the Revised Statutes, making an
3 appropriation, and repealing section 3 of P.L.2026, c.5.

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5 **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
6 *of New Jersey:*

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8 1. a. There is established in the Department of Law and Public
9 Safety a grant program titled the “New Jersey Law Enforcement
10 ICE Cooperation Grant.” The purpose of the grant program is to
11 protect the residents of New Jersey by supporting law enforcement
12 entities entering into, renewing, or expanding federal agreements
13 under Section 287(g) of the Immigration and Nationality Act, 8
14 U.S.C. s.1357(g). Application to the grant program shall be made
15 on forms and pursuant to procedures prescribed by the department.

16 b. The department shall annually submit a report evaluating the
17 implementation and operation of the grant program to the Governor
18 and, pursuant to the provisions of section 2 of P.L.1991, c.164
19 (C.52:14-19.1), to the Legislature by December 1 for the prior fiscal
20 year. The report shall include a recommendation as to whether the
21 grant program should be continued or expanded.

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23 2. The Legislature may appropriate such funds as may be
24 necessary for the implementation of P.L. , c. (C.)
25 (pending before the Legislature as this bill).

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27 3. Section 3 of P.L.2026, c.5 (C.52:17B-236.16) is repealed.

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29 4. This act shall take effect immediately.

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32 STATEMENT

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34 This bill repeals current law governing immigration-related
35 police practices, including lifting the ban on State and local law
36 enforcement cooperation with United States Immigration and
37 Customs Enforcement (ICE), and establishes the “New Jersey Law
38 Enforcement ICE Cooperation Grant” program.

39 Recently enacted statutory law specifically prohibits State,
40 county, and municipal law enforcement officers from engaging in
41 conduct constituting racially-influenced policing; stopping,
42 questioning, arresting, searching, or detaining a person based solely
43 on actual or suspected citizenship or immigration status or actual or
44 suspected violations of federal civil immigration law; and inquiring
45 about a person’s immigration status. These law enforcement
46 officers also are prohibited from providing certain types of
47 assistance to federal immigration authorities when the sole purpose
48 is to enforce federal civil immigration law. Further, these officers

1 are prohibited from entering into, modifying, renewing, or
2 extending any agreement to exercise federal immigration authority
3 pursuant to Section 287(g) of the Immigration and Nationality Act
4 and from exercising any law enforcement authority pursuant to a
5 preexisting section 287(g) agreement. This bill repeals these
6 immigration-related prohibitions on law enforcement officers.

7 Additionally, the bill establishes the “New Jersey Law
8 Enforcement ICE Cooperation Grants” to be administered by the
9 Department of Law and Public Safety. The grant program is
10 established to support State, county, and municipal law enforcement
11 agencies entering into, renewing, or expanding federal agreements
12 under Section 287(g). The bill requires an annual report to be
13 submitted to the Governor and Legislature regarding the grant
14 program.

15 Funding for the “New Jersey Law Enforcement ICE Cooperation
16 Grant” program is to be appropriated by the Legislature as may be
17 necessary for its implementation.

18 It is the sponsor’s intent to encourage law enforcement to work
19 together with the federal government on immigration matters to
20 ensure the safety of New Jersey residents.