
SENATE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Senator Sabrina Cervantes, Chair
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SB 1257 (Arreguín) - Federal immigration enforcement: report

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Policy Vote: PUB. S. 4 - 1, JUD. 11 - 1

Mandate: Yes

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Bill Summary: SB 1257 would require the Attorney General (AG) to publish a report annually summarizing all immigration incidents and activities conducted by any persons at designated safe locations. The AG would be authorized to request information regarding any reported immigration enforcement incidents from these locations.

Fiscal Impact: Unknown, likely significant to major fiscal impact annually impact on the Department of Justice (DOJ). The workload to meet the provisions of this bill would be in addition to whatever immigration related work DOJ is performing now.

For purposes of comparison, DOJ budgets \$1 million annually to conduct reviews of local, county or private locked detention facilities in which noncitizens are housed for immigration purposes in the state.

Unknown, reimbursable state mandated costs, potentially exceeding \$50,000 annually for local entities to participate in immigration enforcement efforts to investigate, enforce, or assist in the investigation of a federal civil immigration law or a federal criminal immigration law that penalizes a person's presence, as specified.

Proposed Law: The AG would be required to report to the Legislature and post a report that includes a summary of all reported immigration enforcement incidents and activities at specified locations, information on each reported immigration enforcement incident regarding where the incident occurred, the government agency involved, and any follow-up or resolution, and the number of immigration enforcement incidents that resulted in legal action

The AG would engage in enforcement actions to enforce state law at designated safe locations including educational institutions, health care providers, shelters, polling places, courthouses, public transportation property, and state and local government property.

This bill permits the AG to request information regarding any reported immigration enforcement incidents from these locations and provides that the AG can enforce any such requests via civil penalties or other enforcement activity.

Related Legislation: SB 1399 (Durazo) would remove a July 1, 2027 sunset thereby permitting the AG to continue ongoing review of local, county or private locked detention facilities in which noncitizens are housed for immigration purposes in the state. That bill is on the committee's Suspense File.

Staff Comments: The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. This bill would define “immigration enforcement” for these purposes to mean an effort to investigate, enforce, or assist in the investigation or enforcement of a federal civil or criminal immigration lawsuit. To the extent local entities would assist with these duties, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program.