

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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HOUSE BILL 1188

Short Title: Limits on Immigration Detention Facilities. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Harrison, Butler, Cervania, and Cook (Primary Sponsors).
For a complete list of sponsors, refer to the North Carolina General Assembly web site.

Referred to: Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

May 5, 2026

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO PROHIBIT CONTRACTS WITH CITY, COUNTY, OR LOCAL OR STATE
3 LAW ENFORCEMENT TO DETAIN PERSONS FOR CIVIL IMMIGRATION
4 CUSTODY.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 **SECTION 1.** Article 20 of Chapter 15A of the General Statutes is amended by
7 adding a new section to read:

8 "**§ 15A-407. Limitations on immigration detention facilities.**

9 (a) For the purposes of this section, the term "immigration detention facility" means any
10 facility located in this State that holds detainees for proceedings or removal from the United
11 States under the authority of the United States Department of Homeland Security, the United
12 States Immigration and Customs Enforcement, or the United States Customs and Border
13 Protection.

14 (b) A city, county, or local or State law enforcement agency shall not enter into a contract
15 with the federal government or any federal agency or a private corporation, to house or detain in
16 a locked immigration detention facility noncitizens for purposes of civil immigration custody.

17 (c) A city, county, or local or State law enforcement agency shall not maintain a facility
18 that is specifically used to house or detain noncitizens for purposes of civil immigration custody.

19 (d) The Department of Public Safety (DPS) shall collect data from immigration detention
20 facilities and report findings to the General Assembly annually by May 1. The information
21 collected shall include all of the following information about detainees:

- 22 (1) Demographic information.
23 (2) Pending charges.
24 (3) Pending citizenship or asylum cases of the detainee.
25 (4) Location detained.
26 (5) Date released, if applicable.
27 (6) Date and location of deportation, if applicable."

28 **SECTION 2.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the North Carolina
29 Department of Public Safety the sum of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) in nonrecurring funds
30 for the 2026-2027 fiscal year to be used for the administrative costs associated with implementing
31 this act.

32 **SECTION 3.** If any provision of this act or its application is held invalid, the
33 invalidity does not affect other provisions or applications of this act that can be given effect
34 without the invalid provisions or application, and to this end the provisions of this act are
35 severable.



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SECTION 4. This act becomes effective December 1, 2026.