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HOUSE BILL 80

Short Title: Prohibit LEO w/ICE at Farm/Construct. Sites. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Butler, Price, Harrison, and Cervania (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

February 11, 2025

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO PROHIBIT LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES AND OFFICERS FROM
3 PARTICIPATING IN IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT ON NORTH CAROLINA
4 FARMLAND AND CONSTRUCTION SITES.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

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

8 "**§ 17F-15. Prohibit law enforcement agencies and officers from participating in**
9 **immigration enforcement on farmland and construction sites.**

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

15 (1) Real property used for any of the following:

16 a. Agriculture or farming, as those terms are defined by G.S. 106-581.1.

17 b. The slaughter, processing, or packaging of livestock.

18 (2) A permitted construction site, being a site where a permit, license, or other
19 authorization has been issued by the State or a local governmental entity for
20 the placement of new construction or improvements to real property.

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

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

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

33 (e) Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit criminal justice agencies,
34 sheriffs' offices, criminal justice officers, or justice officers from enforcing the laws of this State
35 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-15, 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.