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SYNOPSIS

Prohibits State funding to assist immigrants facing detention or deportation.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



1 AN ACT prohibiting the use of State funding for assistance to
2 certain immigrants and supplementing Title 2B of the New
3 Jersey Statutes.

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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. Notwithstanding the provisions of any other law to the
9 contrary, State funds shall not be used directly, or under the terms
10 of any contract with, or grant to, any public agency or nonprofit
11 entity, to provide legal assistance or legal services to individuals
12 facing detention or deportation based on their immigration status.

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14 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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17 STATEMENT

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19 The bill prohibits State funds from being used to provide legal
20 assistance or legal services to individuals facing detention or
21 deportation based on their immigration status. The bill prohibits
22 this funding directly, or under the terms of any contract with, or
23 grant to, any public agency or nonprofit entity providing for such
24 assistance or services.

25 The purpose of this bill is to prevent State funds from being used
26 to support an Office of Immigration Protection, or another
27 organization or entity with a mission of offering legal assistance or
28 legal services to protect immigrants. The Fiscal Year 2019 Budget,
29 as proposed by Governor Murphy, includes language providing for
30 an amount not to exceed \$2,100,000 to be appropriated for Legal
31 Services of New Jersey -- Legal Assistance in Civil Matters, based
32 on actual or anticipated caseloads, for the provision of legal
33 assistance to individuals facing detention or deportation based on
34 their immigration status.