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SYNOPSIS

Requires proof of lawful presence in the United States to obtain certain benefits.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



1 benefits available to noncitizen immigrants.

2 New Jersey's illegal alien population has been estimated to be as
3 high as 300,000 by the Migration Policy Institute. According to the
4 institute, this represents a 186 percent increase since 1992. New
5 Jersey, it has stated, has the sixth highest illegal alien population in
6 the country and spends about \$300 to \$400 million per year in
7 public services. It has been estimated that about one-half of this
8 population, also known as undocumented or unauthorized
9 immigrants, enter legally, then overstay or otherwise violate the
10 terms of their visas.

11 This bill would require any individual, household, or family
12 receiving the following State or local benefits, with certain
13 exceptions, to show verifiable proof of lawful resident status:
14 grants, contracts, loans, licenses as well as retirement, welfare,
15 health, disability, public or assisted housing, post secondary
16 education, food assistance, or unemployment benefits. Proof that a
17 person's presence in the United States is authorized under federal
18 law would be demonstrated by documentation established by the
19 Attorney General pursuant to rule and regulation. Public officials
20 providing such benefits and privileges would be obligated to review
21 such documentation.