

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 21

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

219th LEGISLATURE

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SYNOPSIS

Memorializes the President and Congress to pass and enforce immigration reform to protect the nation.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



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- 1 **AN ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION** memorializing the President of the
2 United States and Congress to pass and enforce comprehensive
3 immigration reform legislation to protect the nation’s borders.
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- 5 **WHEREAS**, The government of the United States has an obligation to
6 its citizens to secure its borders and ensure the rule of law in its
7 communities; and
8 **WHEREAS**, The primary duty of the federal government is to secure
9 the homeland and ensure the safety of United States citizens and
10 lawful residents; and
11 **WHEREAS**, The President and Congress should immediately and
12 unequivocally enforce existing immigration laws and reform our
13 nation’s immigration policies in order to reduce the threat of a
14 terrorist attack and to reduce the massive amount of crime
15 committed by illegal aliens in the United States; and
16 **WHEREAS**, The Government of Mexico actively encourages illegal
17 immigration to the United States by, among other things, publishing
18 ‘how to’ books; and
19 **WHEREAS**, The introduction of this Assembly resolution was
20 prompted by incidents in which illegal immigrants from Mexico
21 were arrested and charged in two separate, horrific crimes in Ocean
22 County including murder, kidnapping and sexual assault; now,
23 therefore,
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- 25 **BE IT RESOLVED** *by the Senate of the State of New Jersey:*
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- 27 1. Congress is respectfully requested to enact comprehensive
28 immigration reform legislation that will secure the borders of the
29 United States against illegal entry.
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- 31 2. Congress is urged to pass comprehensive immigration
32 reform legislation that will expedite the removal of illegal aliens,
33 increase criminal sentences and fines for alien smuggling, enhance
34 penalties for persons committing offenses while armed, permit the
35 use of the Army and Air Force to secure the border as necessary,
36 and impose penalties on countries that do not accept return of
37 nationals.
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- 39 3. The President is respectfully requested to immediately and
40 unequivocally enforce current immigration laws and remove illegal
41 aliens from the United States.
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- 43 4. The President should warn Mexico that any further actions it
44 takes to encourage illegal immigration to the United States will be
45 viewed as interference with our domestic laws, in violation of the
46 Vienna Convention on Consular Relations.

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5. Copies of this resolution, as filed with the Secretary of State, shall be transmitted by the Clerk of the General Assembly to the President and Vice President of the United States, the Majority and Minority Leader of the United States Senate, the Speaker and Minority Leader of the United States House of Representatives, every member of Congress elected from this State and to the Ambassador of Mexico to the United States.

STATEMENT

This Assembly Resolution calls for Congress to pass and the President to enforce comprehensive immigration reform legislation. These new federal laws are needed to protect the nation from terrorists and criminals who are entering our country illegally.

This Assembly Resolution was prompted in response to two horrific crimes that were perpetrated in Ocean County. In one of the crimes, two children were beaten and murdered in Stafford Borough and their mother was kidnapped. The other crime involved the sexual assault of a minor on Long Beach Island. In both cases, undocumented, illegal immigrants from Mexico were charged.

This Assembly Resolution asks Congress to enact legislation that will expedite the removal of illegal aliens from our country, increase criminal sentences and fines for alien smuggling, enhance penalties for persons committing offenses while armed, permit the use of the Army and Air Force to secure the border, and impose penalties on countries that do not accept return of nationals.

Duly authenticated copies of this Assembly resolution would be transmitted to the President and Vice President of the United States, the Majority and Minority Leader of the United States Senate, the Speaker and Minority Leader of the United States House of Representatives, every member of Congress elected from this State and to the Ambassador of Mexico to the United States.