An Act Regarding Municipal Immigration Policies

Reference to the Committee on State and Local Government suggested and ordered printed.

Presented by Representative LOCKMAN of Amherst. (GOVERNOR'S BILL)
Cosponsored by Senator BRAKEY of Androscoggin and
Representatives: AUSTIN of Gray, HANINGTON of Lincoln, LYFORD of Eddington,
STETKIS of Canaan, WARD of Dedham, Senators: CUSHING of Penobscot, DAVIS of
Piscataquis.
Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. 30-A MRSA §2007 is enacted to read:

§2007. Ineligibility for state funds based on immigration policies

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a municipality that has in effect any law, policy or procedure, formal or informal, in contravention of the federal Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996, Section 642, subsection (a) or (b) or that prohibits, formally or informally, a local law enforcement officer from gathering information regarding the lawful or unlawful citizenship or immigration status of any individual is ineligible for:

1. General purpose aid for local schools. Funding for general purpose aid for local schools distributed in accordance with Title 20-A, chapter 606-B;

2. Municipal general assistance. Funding for municipal general assistance pursuant to Title 22, chapter 1161; and


SUMMARY

This bill provides that a municipality is ineligible to receive general purpose aid for local schools, municipal general assistance and state-municipal revenue sharing if that municipality prohibits or restricts, formally or informally, the exchange of information with the federal Immigration and Naturalization Service or any other federal, state or local government entity regarding the immigration status, lawful or unlawful, of any individual or the maintenance of such information.