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## **An Act Regarding Municipal Sanctuary Policies**

**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

**3. State-municipal revenue sharing.** State-municipal revenue sharing pursuant to section 5681.

### **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.