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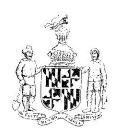
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HB 1411

Correctional Services - Transfers to Federal Authorities - Undocumented Immigrants (Protecting Marylanders from Violent Crime Act of 2020)

Why Do We Need This Bill?

While the debate about illegal immigration can be complex and divisive, one thing we should all be able to agree on is that there is no place in our communities for people who commit violent crimes, acts of terrorism, or participate in criminal street gangs. This bill has no impact on peaceful people who come to our country seeking a better life for themselves and their families. This bill is about keeping all people safe.

This bill protects people like Ariana Funes-Diaz, a 14-year old girl from Prince George's County who was brutally murdered by MS-13 members in April of 2019. The MS-13 members responsible had been jailed the year before in a separate robbery case in Prince George's County and had active ICE detainers. These detainers were ignored when they were released back into the community.

This case is unfortunately one of many where violent criminals are released by Maryland officials who actively ignored lawful ICE detainers. In another case in 2017, Montgomery County also ignored an ICE detainer and released a 19 year old man who had broken into a police car, stole an AR-15, and brought the gun to Albert Einstein High School. In yet another case in August of last year, corrections officials in Montgomery County released a man with an active ICE detainer who was charged with raping an intoxicated woman.

What This Bill Does

This bill would require State/local correctional facilities to transfer an undocumented immigrant to the United States Department of Homeland Security when requested by the DHS ONLY if he/she has engaged in or is suspected of terrorism, espionage, or otherwise poses a danger to national security, was convicted of an offense that contains an element of active participation in a criminal street gang, is at least 16 years of age and intentionally participated in a criminal street gang; or has been convicted of an aggravated felony.

> **Protect Marylanders from Violent Crime** Please Support HB 1411