

# HOUSE BILL 598

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Counties and Municipal Corporations – “Sanctuary Laws” for Illegal Aliens –**  
3 **Prohibition**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring local governments to fully comply with and support federal  
5 immigration law; defining a certain term; prohibiting local governments from  
6 restricting their officials, personnel, or agents from requesting, obtaining, sending,  
7 receiving, or maintaining certain immigration information; requiring local  
8 governments to implement certain requirements and obligations in a certain  
9 manner; requiring local governments to comply with certain provisions of law in  
10 order to receive certain aid from the State; and generally relating to compliance with  
11 and support of enforcement of federal immigration law by local governments.

12 BY adding to

13 Article – Public Safety  
14 Section 3–520  
15 Annotated Code of Maryland  
16 (2011 Replacement Volume and 2016 Supplement)

17 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

18 Article – Public Safety  
19 Section 4–509  
20 Annotated Code of Maryland  
21 (2011 Replacement Volume and 2016 Supplement)

22 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,  
23 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

24 **Article – Public Safety**

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **3-520.**

2 (A) IN THIS SECTION, "LOCAL GOVERNMENT" MEANS A COUNTY OR  
3 MUNICIPAL CORPORATION.

4 (B) ALL OFFICIALS, PERSONNEL, AND AGENTS OF A LOCAL GOVERNMENT  
5 SHALL FULLY COMPLY WITH AND SUPPORT THE ENFORCEMENT OF FEDERAL LAW  
6 PROHIBITING THE ENTRY INTO OR PRESENCE OR RESIDENCE IN THE UNITED  
7 STATES OF ILLEGAL ALIENS IN VIOLATION OF FEDERAL IMMIGRATION LAW.

8 (C) A LOCAL GOVERNMENT MAY NOT RESTRICT ITS OFFICIALS, PERSONNEL,  
9 OR AGENTS FROM REQUESTING, OBTAINING, SENDING, RECEIVING, EXCHANGING,  
10 OR MAINTAINING INFORMATION REGARDING THE IMMIGRATION STATUS OF AN  
11 INDIVIDUAL.

12 (D) A LOCAL GOVERNMENT SHALL IMPLEMENT THE REQUIREMENTS AND  
13 OBLIGATIONS OF THIS SECTION IN A MANNER THAT:

14 (1) IS FULLY CONSISTENT WITH FEDERAL LAW REGULATING  
15 IMMIGRATION; AND

16 (2) PROTECTS THE CIVIL RIGHTS OF ALL U.S. CITIZENS AND ALIENS.

17 (E) A LOCAL GOVERNMENT MAY NOT CONSTRUE THIS SECTION TO  
18 PROHIBIT ITS OFFICIALS, PERSONNEL, OR AGENTS FROM:

19 (1) RENDERING EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE OR ANY OTHER PUBLIC  
20 BENEFIT MANDATED BY FEDERAL OR STATE LAW; OR

21 (2) REPORTING CRIMINAL ACTIVITY TO A LAW ENFORCEMENT  
22 AGENCY.

23 4-509.

24 (a) If the Executive Director finds that a county is not complying with § 4-502 of  
25 this subtitle OR THAT A COUNTY OR MUNICIPAL CORPORATION IS NOT COMPLYING  
26 WITH THE PROVISIONS OF § 3-520 OF THIS ARTICLE, the Executive Director shall notify  
27 the county or qualifying municipality of the noncompliance.

28 (b) If a county or qualifying municipality disputes the finding in the notice issued  
29 under subsection (a) of this section within 30 days of the issuance of the notice, the dispute  
30 shall be promptly referred to the Secretary of Budget and Management, who shall make a  
31 final determination.

1           (c)     On receipt of certification of noncompliance by the Executive Director or the  
2 Secretary of Budget and Management, the Comptroller shall suspend, until notification of  
3 compliance is received, payment of any funds due the county or qualifying municipality for  
4 the current fiscal year, under § 4–506 of this subtitle, to the extent that the State’s aid due  
5 the county or qualifying municipality in the current fiscal year under § 4–506 of this  
6 subtitle exceeds the amount that the county or qualifying municipality received in the prior  
7 fiscal year.

8           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
9 October 1, 2017.