

HOUSE BILL 444

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Introduced and read first time: January 22, 2026

Assigned to: Judiciary

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public Safety – Immigration Enforcement Agreements – Prohibition**

3 FOR the purpose of prohibiting the State, a unit of local government, a county sheriff, or
4 any agency, officer, employee, or agent of the State or a unit of local government from
5 entering into a certain immigration enforcement agreement; requiring the
6 termination of an existing immigration enforcement agreement on or before a certain
7 date; and generally relating to immigration enforcement.

8 BY adding to

9 Article – Criminal Procedure

10 Section 5–104.1

11 Annotated Code of Maryland

12 (2025 Replacement Volume)

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

15 **Article – Criminal Procedure**

16 **5–104.1.**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



(A) (1) IN THIS SECTION, "IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT AGREEMENT" MEANS A CONTRACT, AN AGREEMENT, AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL SERVICE AGREEMENT, OR A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT THAT AUTHORIZES THE STATE, A UNIT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, A COUNTY SHERIFF, OR ANY AGENCY, OFFICER, EMPLOYEE, OR AGENT OF THE STATE OR A UNIT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT TO ENFORCE CIVIL IMMIGRATION LAW.

(2) "IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT AGREEMENT" INCLUDES AN AGREEMENT MADE IN ACCORDANCE WITH:

(I) 8 U.S.C. § 1103;

(II) 8 U.S.C. § 1357; OR

(III) ANY OTHER FEDERAL LAW.

(B) THE STATE, A UNIT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, A COUNTY SHERIFF, OR ANY AGENCY, OFFICER, EMPLOYEE, OR AGENT OF THE STATE OR A UNIT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT MAY NOT ENTER INTO AN IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT AGREEMENT.

(C) THE STATE, A UNIT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, A COUNTY SHERIFF, OR ANY AGENCY, OFFICER, EMPLOYEE, OR AGENT OF THE STATE OR A UNIT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT WITH AN EXISTING IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT AGREEMENT SHALL EXERCISE THE TERMINATION PROVISION CONTAINED IN THE IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT AGREEMENT NOT LATER THAN JULY 1, 2026.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 2026.