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**SB828 – Immigration Enforcement – Sensitive Locations – Guidelines and Policies
(Protecting Sensitive Locations Act)
Judicial Proceedings Committee
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AFSCME Council 3 supports Senate Bill 828. AFSCME Council 3 represents approximately 50,000 public service workers across the state, county, and municipal levels of government. Across Maryland, AFSCME members are on the front lines delivering essential public services that support our communities.

For over a decade, federal policy limited Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) activities in sensitive locations—such as hospitals, schools, courthouses, and places of worship—to prevent intimidation and make certain individuals had access to crucial services. However, as of January 20, 2025, the revocation of these protections has left immigrant communities vulnerable to enforcement actions in spaces where they should feel safe.

This shift has already created an environment of fear and uncertainty, discouraging individuals from seeking medical care, pursuing education, accessing legal resources, or engaging with law enforcement. As a result, our communities, public health, and overall safety are at risk.

Many AFSCME members are immigrants themselves and support the safety and security of immigrant communities, particularly access to crucial services that involve individuals' ability to seek services for their health and well-being.

We urge the committee to issue a favorable report on SB 828