



Keep Illinois Families Together Act (KIFTA) **(HB 1637 – Villanueva/Harmon)**

Families throughout Illinois are under threat of separation due to ruthless, harmful, and lawless immigration enforcement. Despite many of the protective policies in place in our state, families continue to be afraid to seek police protection. The federal government is now encouraging local law enforcement agencies to enter into agreements with Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) (known as “287g agreements”) to deputize their officers to engage in immigration enforcement work. The 287(g) program has a well-documented record of injecting bias and ethnic stereotyping in to policing practices. At least one Illinois county has already applied for 287(g), such that the General Assembly must act before this toxic program takes root in our State.

HB 1637 would

- Prohibit state and local law enforcement agencies from entering into 287(g) agreements with ICE that turn their officers into ICE agents.

HB 1637 benefits

- ALL Illinois residents by reducing fear among immigrants and their families to approach law enforcement to report crimes and seek protection.
- ALL Illinois residents by ensuring that law enforcement remains focused on public safety rather than diverting resources to a program that undermines trust of law enforcement.
- ALL Illinois residents benefit from law enforcement that avoids programs and practices that inject racial-profiling in the execution of law enforcement duties.

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