

SB 1718 goes into effect on July 1, 2023.

Here is what the law does and does not do.



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	WHAT SB 1718 WILL DO	WHAT SB 1718 WILL NOT DO
Community IDs	Bar local government from providing funding to issue community IDs to persons who do not prove lawful presence in the U.S.	<p>Invalidate persons' community IDs issued by local government.</p> <p>Prevent issuance of community IDs if the government does not fund them.</p> <p>Make it a crime to possess a community ID.</p>
Drivers Licenses	<p>Invalidate out-of-state driver licenses that are issued without being required to show proof of lawful presence in the U.S. (i.e. driver licenses that are issued to individuals who are undocumented or who cannot prove lawful presence).</p> <p>Make it a crime to drive in Florida with this type of license.</p>	<p>Have any effect on an individual's Florida driver license.</p> <p>Make it unlawful to possess an out-of-state driver license that is no longer valid in Florida.</p>
Hospitals	Require hospitals and emergency departments that receive Medicaid to ask patients their immigration status.	<p>Allow doctors, clinics, hospitals or any medical care providers to report undocumented patients or individualized patient information to immigration authorities.</p> <p>Allow medical care providers to deny care based on a patients' immigration status.</p> <p>Permit or encourage immigration enforcement at hospitals or emergency departments.</p> <p>Require patients to answer questions about their immigration status to receive care (at hospitals that receive Medicaid, you will be asked this question, but you do not have to answer it).</p>
Employment & E-Verify	<p>Penalize employers for failing to verify employment authorization and criminalize noncitizens who use false identification documents to obtain work,</p> <p>Require all employers to verify new employees' work authorization, and require private employers who employ 25 or more employees to use E-Verify to confirm new employees' work authorization.</p>	<p>Require employers to re-check the employment authorization of persons they already employ using E-Verify.</p> <p>Authorize state law enforcement to conduct employment verification audits until July 1, 2024.</p>
DACA holders' eligibility to be admitted to practice law in Florida	Beginning on November 1, 2028, prevent DACA holders from being admitted by the Supreme Court of Florida to practice law in Florida.	<p>Have any effect on DACA holders who are already members of the state bar in Florida.</p> <p>Have any effect on DACA holders who will become members of the state bar in Florida prior to November 1, 2028.</p>
"Human Smuggling"	Make it a felony to transport into the state of Florida a person who you know or reasonably should know (1) entered the U.S. unlawfully; and (2) has not been inspected by the federal government.	<p>Transport anyone—regardless of their immigration status—within the state of Florida.</p> <p>Provide housing to or share housing with a person who lacks lawful immigration status.</p> <p>Do day-to-day things like take your kids to school, go to church, carpool, etc. no matter what your immigration status is (as long as you aren't crossing state lines into Florida, it is fine to do these activities).</p>
State cooperation with federal immigration enforcement	Expand Florida's on-going interagency counter-terrorism enforcement coordination and preparation efforts to include assisting federal immigration enforcement officials.	Give the police any new authority to detain or arrest individuals.
DNA collection	Collect DNA from individuals, including juveniles, who have been issued a detainer by immigration authorities in state criminal custody.	Allow law enforcement to collect DNA based upon immigration status from individuals who are not in criminal custody.
"Unauthorized Alien Transport Program"	Appropriate \$12 Million for the "Unauthorized Alien Transport Program."	Change the "Unauthorized Alien Transport Program", which was created by a separate state law on February 15, 2023, SB 6-B.