

1 AN ACT relating to sanctuary policies.

2 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:*

3 ➔SECTION 1. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 61 IS CREATED TO  
4 READ AS FOLLOWS:

5 *(1) As used in this section:*

6 *(a) "Local employee" means a person who is employed by a local law*  
7 *enforcement agency who is not otherwise a local law enforcement official,*  
8 *and a person who is employed by a local government who is not otherwise a*  
9 *public official;*

10 *(b) "Local law enforcement agency" means:*

11 *1. A police department of a local government;*

12 *2. A sheriff's office;*

13 *3. County jails operating pursuant to KRS Chapter 441; and*

14 *4. Metropolitan correctional services departments operating under KRS*  
15 *Chapter 67B;*

16 *(c) "Local law enforcement official" means an elected or appointed officer, or*  
17 *peace officer, who oversees or serves within a local law enforcement*  
18 *agency;*

19 *(d) "Local government" means a city, county, urban-county government,*  
20 *charter county government, consolidated local government or unified local*  
21 *government;*

22 *(e) "Public official" means the chief executive officer and members of the*  
23 *legislative body of a local government ; and*

24 *(f) "Sanctuary policy" means an order, ordinance, resolution, or policy,*  
25 *whether written or unwritten, that:*

26 *1. Limits or prohibits a local law enforcement official or local employee*  
27 *from communicating or cooperating with:*

- 1                    a. Authorized federal agencies or federal law enforcement officers  
2                    or agencies or officers of another state; or  
3                    b. Any other local law enforcement official or local employee;  
4                    to verify or report the immigration status of a person within this state;  
5                    2. Grants to illegal immigrants the right to lawful presence or status  
6                    within the boundaries of this state in violation of federal law;  
7                    3. Violates 8 U.S.C. sec. 1373 or 1644;  
8                    4. Restricts or imposes any conditions upon the local law enforcement  
9                    official's or local employee's cooperation or compliance with detainers  
10                   or other legal and valid requests from United States Immigration and  
11                   Customs Enforcement to retain custody of an immigrant or to transfer  
12                   an immigrant to the custody of United States Immigration and  
13                   Customs Enforcement or another authorized federal agency or federal  
14                   law enforcement officer;  
15                   5. Requires United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement, or  
16                   another federal law enforcement agency or federal law enforcement  
17                   officer, to obtain a warrant or demonstrate more than probable cause  
18                   before complying with detainers or other legal and valid requests from  
19                   United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement to maintain  
20                   custody of an immigrant or to transfer an immigrant to the custody of  
21                   United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement or another  
22                   authorized federal agency or federal law enforcement officer;  
23                   6. Prevents local law enforcement officials or local employees from  
24                   asking a person about his or her citizenship or immigration status; or  
25                   7. Prohibits a federal immigration officer or other federal law  
26                   enforcement officer, or a law enforcement official or local law  
27                   enforcement official, from entering a jail or other correctional facility

- 1 to enforce federal immigration laws.
- 2 (2) A local government, local law enforcement agency, local law enforcement  
3 official, public official, or local employee shall not enact, adopt, or otherwise  
4 enforce any sanctuary policy.
- 5 (3) Any sanctuary policy adopted prior to or after the effective date of this Act that  
6 violates this section shall be invalid, void, and unenforceable.
- 7 (4) (a) If a person subject to a United States Immigration and Customs  
8 Enforcement detainer is released from custody on or after the effective date  
9 of this Act as a result of a sanctuary policy, and that person subsequently  
10 commits an offense which would classify him or her as a violent offender  
11 under KRS 439.3401, the victim, or the victim's family if the victim of the  
12 crime dies or sustains serious physical injury as defined in KRS 500.080 as  
13 a result of the crime, may file a civil action against the local government or  
14 local law enforcement agency in a court of competent jurisdiction for  
15 compensatory damages, punitive damages, costs, and attorney's fees.
- 16 (b) Sovereign, governmental, and qualified immunity that is afforded to local  
17 governments and local law enforcement agencies, including but not limited  
18 to immunity under the Eleventh Amendment to the Constitution of the  
19 United States, are waived for purposes of this subsection.