

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2026

AN ACT

RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- DETENTION FOR FEDERAL
CIVIL IMMIGRATION VIOLATIONS

Introduced By: Senators Acosta, Quezada, Mack, Vargas, Kallman, Euer, Lauria, Gu, Valverde, and Urso

Date Introduced: January 23, 2026

Referred To: Senate Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Title 42 of the General Laws entitled "STATE AFFAIRS AND
2 GOVERNMENT" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following chapter:

CHAPTER 169

DETENTION FOR FEDERAL CIVIL IMMIGRATION VIOLATIONS

42-169-1. Short title.

6 This chapter shall be known and may be cited as the “Detention for Federal Civil
7 Immigration Violations”.

8 **42-169-2. Prohibition on agreements to detain individuals for federal civil**
9 **immigration violations.**

17 **(b) A state or municipal governmental official or body, or instrumentality or agency**
18 thereof, that is party to any existing agreement, that is or will be used to detain individuals for

1 federal civil immigration violations, shall exercise the termination provision of the agreement as
2 applied to its use for detaining individuals for federal civil immigration violations no later than July
3 1, 2026.

4 **42-169-3. Severability.**

5 If any clause, sentence, paragraph, section, or part of this chapter shall be adjudged by any
6 court of competent jurisdiction to be unconstitutional or otherwise invalid, that judgment shall not
7 affect, impair, or invalidate the remainder of this chapter, but shall be confined in its operation to
8 the clause, sentence, paragraph, section, or part directly involved in the controversy in which that
9 judgment shall have been rendered.

10 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION
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- 1 This act would prohibit state and municipal officials or body from entering into and
- 2 renewing any agreements that will be used to detain individuals for federal civil immigration
- 3 violations. It would also prohibit state and local leaders from leasing their public real estate for use
- 4 as an immigration detention facility.
- 5 This act would take effect upon passage.

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