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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. CRUZ (for himself, Mr. SHEEHY, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. LANKFORD, Mr. BUDD, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. RICKETTS, Mr. SCOTT of Florida, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. CRAMER, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. HAGERTY, Mr. HOEVEN, and Mrs. HYDE-SMITH) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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## A BILL

To ensure State and local law enforcement officers are permitted to cooperate with Federal officials to protect our communities from violent criminals and suspected terrorists who are illegally present in the United States.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

### 3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Stop Dangerous Sanc-  
5 tuary Cities Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. ENSURING COOPERATION BETWEEN FEDERAL LAW**  
2 **ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS AND STATE AND**  
3 **LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS TO**  
4 **SAFEGUARD OUR COMMUNITIES.**

5 (a) **AUTHORITY TO COOPERATE WITH FEDERAL OF-**  
6 **FICIALS.**—A State, a political subdivision of a State, or  
7 an officer, employee, or agent of such State or political  
8 subdivision that complies with a detainer issued by the De-  
9 partment of Homeland Security under section 236 or 287  
10 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1226  
11 and 1357)—

12 (1) shall be deemed to be acting as an agent of  
13 the Department of Homeland Security; and

14 (2) with regard to actions taken to comply with  
15 such detainer, shall have all authority available to  
16 officers and employees of the Department of Home-  
17 land Security.

18 (b) **LEGAL PROCEEDINGS.**—In any legal proceeding  
19 brought against a State, a political subdivision of State,  
20 or an officer, employee, or agent of such State or political  
21 subdivision, which challenges the legality of the seizure or  
22 detention of an individual pursuant to a detainer issued  
23 by the Department of Homeland Security under section  
24 236 or 287 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8  
25 U.S.C. 1226 and 1357)—

1           (1) no liability shall lie against such State or  
2           political subdivision for actions taken in compliance  
3           with such detainer; and

4           (2) if the actions of the officer, employee, or  
5           agent of the State or political subdivision were taken  
6           in compliance with such detainer—

7                   (A) the officer, employee, or agent shall be  
8           deemed—

9                           (i) to be an employee of the Federal  
10                          Government and an investigative or law  
11                          enforcement officer; and

12                           (ii) to have been acting within the  
13                          scope of his or her employment under sec-  
14                          tion 1346(b) and chapter 171 of title 28,  
15                          United States Code;

16                   (B) section 1346(b) of title 28, United  
17           States Code, shall provide the exclusive remedy  
18           for the plaintiff; and

19                   (C) the United States shall be substituted  
20           as defendant in the proceeding.

21           (c) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this sec-  
22           tion may be construed to provide immunity to any person  
23           who knowingly violates the civil or constitutional rights of  
24           an individual.

1 **SEC. 3. SANCTUARY JURISDICTION DEFINED.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided under sub-  
3 section (b), for purposes of this Act, the term “sanctuary  
4 jurisdiction” means any State or political subdivision of  
5 a State that has in effect a statute, ordinance, policy, or  
6 practice that prohibits or restricts any government entity  
7 or official from—

8 (1) sending, receiving, maintaining, or exchang-  
9 ing with any Federal, State, or local government en-  
10 tity information regarding the citizenship or immi-  
11 gration status (lawful or unlawful) of any individual;  
12 or

13 (2) complying with a request lawfully made by  
14 the Department of Homeland Security under section  
15 236 or 287 of the Immigration and Nationality Act  
16 (8 U.S.C. 1226 and 1357) to comply with a detainer  
17 for, or notify about the release of, an individual.

18 (b) EXCEPTION.—A State or political subdivision of  
19 a State shall not be deemed a sanctuary jurisdiction based  
20 solely on its having a policy whereby its officials will not  
21 share information regarding, or comply with a request  
22 made by the Department of Homeland Security under sec-  
23 tion 236 or 287 of the Immigration and Nationality Act  
24 (8 U.S.C. 1226 and 1357) to comply with a detainer re-  
25 garding, an individual who comes forward as a victim or  
26 a witness to a criminal offense.

1 **SEC. 4. SANCTUARY JURISDICTIONS INELIGIBLE FOR CER-**  
2 **TAIN FEDERAL FUNDS.**

3 (a) ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION  
4 GRANTS.—

5 (1) GRANTS FOR PUBLIC WORKS AND ECO-  
6 NOMIC DEVELOPMENT.—Section 201(b) of the Pub-  
7 lic Works and Economic Development Act of 1965  
8 (42 U.S.C. 3141(b)) is amended—

9 (A) in paragraph (2), by striking “and” at  
10 the end;

11 (B) in paragraph (3), by striking the pe-  
12 riod at the end and inserting “; and”; and

13 (C) by adding at the end the following:

14 “(4) the area in which the project is to be car-  
15 ried out is not a sanctuary jurisdiction (as defined  
16 in section 3 of the Stop Dangerous Sanctuary Cities  
17 Act).”.

18 (2) GRANTS FOR PLANNING AND ADMINISTRA-  
19 TIVE EXPENSES.—Section 203(a) of the Public  
20 Works and Economic Development Act of 1965 (42  
21 U.S.C. 3143(a)) is amended by adding at the end  
22 the following: “A sanctuary jurisdiction (as defined  
23 in section 3 of the Stop Dangerous Sanctuary Cities  
24 Act) may not be deemed an eligible recipient under  
25 this subsection.”.

1           (3) SUPPLEMENTARY GRANTS.—Section 205(a)  
 2           of the Public Works and Economic Development Act  
 3           of 1965 (42 U.S.C. 3145(a)) is amended—

4                   (A) in paragraph (2), by striking “and” at  
 5           the end;

6                   (B) in paragraph (3)(B), by striking the  
 7           period at the end and inserting “; and”; and

8                   (C) by adding at the end the following:

9                   “(4) will be carried out in an area that does not  
 10          contain a sanctuary jurisdiction (as defined in sec-  
 11          tion 3 of the Stop Dangerous Sanctuary Cities  
 12          Act).”.

13           (4) GRANTS FOR TRAINING, RESEARCH, AND  
 14           TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.—Section 207 of the Public  
 15           Works and Economic Development Act of 1965 (42  
 16           U.S.C. 3147) is amended by adding at the end the  
 17           following:

18           “(c) INELIGIBILITY OF SANCTUARY JURISDIC-  
 19          TIONS.—Grant funds authorized under this section may  
 20          not be used to provide assistance to a sanctuary jurisdic-  
 21          tion (as defined in section 3 of the Stop Dangerous Sanc-  
 22          tuary Cities Act).”.

23           (b) COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANTS.—  
 24           Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act  
 25           of 1974 (42 U.S.C. 5301 et seq.) is amended—

1           (1) in section 102(a) (42 U.S.C. 5302(a)), by  
2 adding at the end the following:

3           “(25) The term ‘sanctuary jurisdiction’ has the  
4 meaning given such term in section 3 of the Stop  
5 Dangerous Sanctuary Cities Act.”;

6           (2) in section 104(b) (42 U.S.C. 5304(b))—

7           (A) in paragraph (5), by striking “and” at  
8 the end;

9           (B) by redesignating paragraph (6) as  
10 paragraph (7); and

11           (C) by inserting after paragraph (5) the  
12 following:

13           “(6) the grantee is not a sanctuary jurisdiction  
14 and will not become a sanctuary jurisdiction during  
15 the period for which the grantee receives a grant  
16 under this title; and”;

17           (3) in section 106 (42 U.S.C. 5306), by adding  
18 at the end the following:

19           “(g) PROTECTION OF INDIVIDUALS AGAINST  
20 CRIME.—

21           “(1) IN GENERAL.—No funds authorized to be  
22 appropriated to carry out this title may be obligated  
23 or expended for any State or unit of general local  
24 government that is a sanctuary jurisdiction.

25           “(2) RETURNED AMOUNTS.—

1           “(A) STATE.—If a State is a sanctuary ju-  
2           risdiction during the period for which it receives  
3           amounts under this title, the Secretary—

4                   “(i) shall direct the State to imme-  
5                   diately return to the Secretary any  
6                   amounts received by the State under this  
7                   title for such period; and

8                   “(ii) shall reallocate amounts returned  
9                   under clause (i) for grants under this title  
10                  to other States that are not sanctuary ju-  
11                  risdictions.

12           “(B) UNIT OF GENERAL LOCAL GOVERN-  
13           MENT.—If a unit of general local government is  
14           a sanctuary jurisdiction during the period for  
15           which it receives amounts under this title, any  
16           such amounts that the unit of general local gov-  
17           ernment received for that period—

18                   “(i) in the case of a unit of general  
19                   local government that is not in a non-  
20                   entitlement area, shall be returned to the  
21                   Secretary for grants under this title to  
22                   States and other units of general local gov-  
23                   ernment that are not sanctuary jurisdic-  
24                   tions; and

1 “(ii) in the case of a unit of general  
 2 local government that is in a nonentitle-  
 3 ment area, shall be returned to the Gov-  
 4 ernor of the State for grants under this  
 5 title to other units of general local govern-  
 6 ment in the State that are not sanctuary  
 7 jurisdictions.

8 “(C) REALLOCATION RULES.—In reallo-  
 9 cating amounts pursuant to subparagraphs (A)  
 10 and (B), the Secretary—

11 “(i) shall apply the relevant allocation  
 12 formula under subsection (b), with all  
 13 sanctuary jurisdictions excluded; and

14 “(ii) shall not be subject to the rules  
 15 for reallocation under subsection (c).”.

16 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This section and the amend-  
 17 ments made by this section shall take effect on October  
 18 1, 2025.

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