

# Florida SB 1718: Identification Cards



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## Provisions in the Law

- Prohibits counties and municipalities from providing funds to any person, entity, or organization for the purpose of issuing identification cards to individuals without lawful presence in the United States.

## Importance of Identification Cards (IDs)

- These cards provide access to libraries, community centers, museums, and other basic public services.
- They promote public safety by reducing fear of interacting with law enforcement.

## Who Is Impacted

- Organizations, entities, and individuals providing these identifications.
- Counties and municipalities that provided funds for these identifications.

## Important Information for the Community

- The law does not invalidate these IDs. This provision only focuses on funding.
- Funding restrictions are only for counties and municipalities.
- An entity may be able to continue to issue identification cards but may not use county and municipal government funds to do so. The entity would need to meticulously track and prevent government funds from being used for ID-issuing purposes.

## Actions to Take

- Individuals, organizations, and faith groups may need to find funding for the issuing of community IDs elsewhere.
- If funding cannot be found, and the issuance of community IDs comes to a halt, this should be tracked. It is important to document any harm that is occurring within migrant communities because of this provision.

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