

Florida SB 1718: Other Provisions



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Domestic Security Oversight Council

- Regional domestic security task forces will be created to address not only ways to deal with terrorist acts within or affecting this state, but also to deal with “potential or actual immigration enforcement incidents within or affecting this state.”
- The Domestic Security Oversight Council is established to provide “executive direction and leadership with respect to terrorism and immigration enforcement incident prevention, preparation, protection, response, and recovery efforts by state and local agencies in this state.”
- Until this Council is established, it is not clear exactly what it will be doing. There is concern about how broad the reach will be, as well as how it will perpetuate misinformation and fear around immigration.

DNA Database

- A person who is booked solely because of an immigration detainer by a federal immigration agency “must submit a DNA sample when the law enforcement agency having custody of the offender receives the detainer.”

“Unauthorized Alien Transport Program”

- In a special session on Feb. 15, 2023, Governor DeSantis signed into law SB 6-B, the “Unauthorized Alien Transport Program,” thereby legitimizing actions taken to remove undocumented migrants from Florida and send them into other jurisdictions.
- With SB 1718, the legislature allotted funding for their earlier law, providing \$12 million for this program.

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