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On April 10, 2018, Governor Reynolds quietly signed SF 481 into law. This bill is also known as the 'anti-sanctuary' bill. In essence, the law requires local law enforcement agencies to comply with ICE (Immigration Custom Enforcement) detainer requests even if the request is does not have a judicial warrant. Below are additional requirements of this new law that will take into effect July 1, 2018:

- Require that immigrant detainees be transferred to federal custody before completion of their sentence.
- Prohibit local policies that discourage enforcement of immigration law by local officials.
- Require written policies relating to enforcement of immigration law.
- Direct municipalities and their staff not to ask victims or witnesses for the person's national origin.
- Allow any person to file a complaint alleging violation of this law. Punishments for violation include civil action and denial of state funds (excluding "wearable body protective gear" funds). The accused local entity has 30 days to come into compliance or refute the claim.
- Allow municipalities to ask to have state funds reinstated when either a year passes or when the chief officer/director takes over.
- Direct the state Attorney General to develop and maintain a database of local entities out of compliance.

Although this law does not take into effect until July 1st, it raises significant concerns with immigrants and refugees in our communities, who are already experiencing fear and anxiety about current immigration enforcement policies. Please continue to keep these families in your prayers and click here <https://www.catholiccharitiesdubuque.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/04/Justice-Prayer-for-Immigrants-.pdf> for a Justice Prayer for Immigrants. Catholic Charities' Immigration Legal Services continues to provide affordable, quality legal services to immigrants and refugees, please call 319-364-712 for assistance or visit <https://www.catholiccharitiesdubuque.org/catholic-charities-services/immigration-legal-services/> for more information.