

**CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2025-2026 SIMULATION SESSION**

SENATE BILL

NO 57

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Introduced by Senator Umberg

October 01, 2025

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An act to add Article 4 (Section 15060-15063) to Chapter 1 of Part 6 of Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government Code, relating to the Office of the Attorney General

**LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST**

SB 57, as introduced, Umberg. Attorney General: Immigration.

Within the Office of the Attorney General of California, resources and support for immigrant families in California is grouped under the Civil Rights Enforcement Section, which is a division dedicated to a broad array of many civil rights issues, with a few specialized bureaus. These issues include disability rights, employment and housing discrimination, reproductive rights, education rights, hate crimes, human trafficking prevention, police practices, children’s rights, voting rights, sexual assault, workers’ rights, the protection of free speech, and any/all discrimination by business practices.

This bill would add a new specialized bureau to the Civil Rights Enforcement Section dedicated to the growing need for immigrant support in the present day. This bureau would specifically be dedicated to support and resources for immigrants at risk of deportation due to the growing aggression of Immigration Control and Enforcement officers. This bureau would provide extended support and resources to immigrants who are being wrongfully targeted and detained by Immigration Control and Enforcement officers and provide them with a legal support system trained specifically for immigration law.

Vote: majority    Appropriation: yes    Fiscal Committee: yes    Local Program: no

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THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

**SECTION 1.** (a) The Legislature finds and declares all of the following:

- (1) California is home to 10,600,000 immigrants, with 49 percent of these immigrants coming from Latin America and 41 percent of them born in Asia.
- (2) While over one-half of the state’s immigrants are naturalized as United States citizens, about 1,800,000 of these immigrants are undocumented.
- (3) The Department of Homeland Security claims to have deported nearly 400,000 immigrants in less than 250 days since the January inauguration.

(b) Therefore, it is the intent of the Legislature to do all of the following:

- (1) Provide legal support for immigrants wrongfully detained by Immigration Control and Enforcement officers.

- (2) Ensure the safety of the citizens of California regardless of their, and their families', immigration status.
- (3) Reaffirm California's position as a sanctuary state for undocumented immigrants.

**SEC. 2.** Article 4 (commencing with Section 15060) is added to Part 6 of Chapter 1 of Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government Code, to read:

**Article 4. Immigrant Support Bureau**

**15060.** The Department of Justice shall seek to support immigrant citizens of California by:

- (a) Establishing a bureau of the Office of the Attorney General specifically dedicated to providing legal support for immigrants.
- (b) Providing education for immigrants on their rights pertaining to Immigration Control and Enforcement officers.
- (c) Providing assistance with the citizenship and naturalization processes for immigrants
- (d) Expanding the scope of this bureau in the future as necessary to accommodate for addressing additional problems and infringement on immigrant rights.

**15061.** (a) The Immigration Support Bureau is hereby established within the department. The bureau shall be under the direct control of a deputy director who shall be responsible to the Director of Civil Rights.

(b) The deputy director shall be appointed by the Attorney General, and shall oversee and exercise all powers, assume and discharge all responsibilities, and carry out and effect all purposes vested by law in the bureau.

**15062.** (a) The Immigration Services Funding (ISF) Program shall be used to ensure that immigrants are entitled to free, quality immigration legal services under the bureau for those who are unable to otherwise afford an attorney or legal representation.

(b) An Immigration Services Legal Fund shall be established within the State Treasury. Moneys deposited into the fund shall be available to the bureau, upon appropriation by the Legislature, for expenditure by the office to defray its expenses for administering this article.

**15063.** The bureau shall annually report on its activities and accomplishments to the Attorney General, who will report to the Legislature. The bureau will also report to state and local law enforcement agencies, the Immigration Services Funding Program, as well as to other interested groups.