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Here are Gov. Tim Pawlenty's proposals on illegal immigration and the actions needed for them to happen:

- Create a Minnesota **Illegal Immigration** Enforcement Team. Pawlenty will seek funding from **the** Legislature, but if that fails he could do this with existing budget and officers.
- Allow members of **the** new 10-officer team to enforce state and federal **immigration** laws. Requires approval of U.S. attorney general.
- Prohibit "sanctuary laws" — like those in St. Paul and Minneapolis — that prevent local police officers from inquiring about **immigration** status or enforcing **immigration** laws. Requires legislative action.
- Enact new and increased penalties for those dealing in human trafficking or false identification documents. Requires legislative action.
- Require law enforcement officers to record **the** country of citizenship and **immigration** status of suspects arrested in serious crimes. This is now optional; to require such action would take legislative action.
- Impose fines of up to \$5,000 on employers of **illegal** immigrants. Requires legislative action.
- Make permanent a state rule that requires noncitizens' **immigration** status to appear on their driver's licenses. Currently done administratively; requires legislative action for a state law.

130 percent: Percentage change in Minnesota's foreign-born population from 1990 to 2000

57 percent: National average

12th: National rank of Minnesota in foreign-born population growth

300,000: Census estimate of Minnesota's foreign-born population in 2003

80,000 to 85,000: Estimate by governor's office of **the** number of **illegal** immigrants in Minnesota in 2005

501: Number of **illegal** immigrants in jail or prison

16,232 (or about 2 percent): Number of noncitizens in state K-12 public schools

Correction

A story on Page 6A Wednesday about **Gov. Tim Pawlenty's** effort to fight criminal activity by **illegal** immigrants contained an error. Minnesota made human trafficking **illegal** in 2005. Pawlenty **proposed** Tuesday to increase **the** penalty for such trafficking in certain cases.

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