



Pennsylvania Senate passes bill targeting sanctuary cities

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HARRISBURG, Pa. (AP) -- The Pennsylvania Senate advanced a measure on Tuesday that would cut off hundreds of millions of dollars in state subsidies to cities and counties that do not always honor detention requests from federal immigration authorities.

The measure targeting sanctuary cities dovetails with a national debate being spearheaded by Pennsylvania's U.S. Sen. Pat Toomey and President Donald Trump, both Republicans, as a top law-and-order priority.

The Republican-controlled Senate passed the bill, 37-12. Every Republican voted for the bill, as did three Democrats.

The policies of sanctuary cities vary, but the term generally refers to places where local government officials will only honor U.S. immigration detention requests when they are accompanied by an arrest warrant.

Republican legislative leaders leave door open to talking about an increase, but recoil at \$12-per-hour proposal.

During debate on the Senate floor, Republicans said the bill was meant to end those cities' dangerous practices. Democrats countered that forcing cities to honor detention requests that are not backed by a warrant could trample on civil rights and expose the local governments to lawsuits.

The debate became emotionally charged when the bill's sponsor, Sen. Guy Reschenthaler, R-Allegheny, suggested that questions about the legislation being asked by Sen. Vincent Hughes, D-Philadelphia, were not relevant.

"Any question that I ask on the floor of the Senate is relevant, let's be clear about that," Hughes shot back.

The House and Senate each passed a similar bill last year, but the bills died amid disagreements between the chambers. Toomey has sponsored legislation in Congress that would punish sanctuary cities by withholding certain federal grants, and Trump last month said he would cut federal grants for sanctuary cities.

Democratic Gov. Tom Wolf's office said it was monitoring legislative and federal government activity on the issue. A spokesman said the office has concerns about the bill, including whether states can legally require that municipalities assist with the enforcement of federal immigration policy.

"We also have concerns about the impact on citizens and families from the loss of federal and state funding if municipalities or counties don't comply," spokesman JJ Abbott said.

Under the bill, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh and more than a dozen counties, including many of the most populous counties, could lose access to state subsidies that last year totaled \$1.3 billion, according to a Senate

Appropriations Committee analysis. That included law enforcement grants and money meant to protect neglected or troubled children, and the analysis cited a list of jurisdictions identified by the conservative Center for Immigration Studies.

Nearly half of Pennsylvania's 2,500 municipalities rely solely on Pennsylvania State Police protection.

The bill does not specify which state agency would determine which municipalities and counties qualify as sanctuary cities. Hughes said that as many as 32 counties could qualify.

http://www.pennlive.com/politics/index.ssf/2017/02/pennsylvania_senate_passes_bil.html



Maps: Sanctuary Cities, Counties, and States

By [Bryan Griffith](#) and [Jessica Vaughan](#) on July 27, 2017

Map 1: Sanctuary Cities, Counties, and States

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The sanctuary jurisdictions are listed below. These cities, counties, and states have laws, ordinances, regulations, resolutions, policies, or other practices that obstruct immigration enforcement and shield criminals from ICE — either by refusing to or prohibiting agencies from complying with ICE detainers, imposing unreasonable conditions on detainer acceptance, denying ICE access to interview incarcerated aliens, or otherwise impeding communication or information exchanges between their personnel and federal immigration officers.

A detainer is the primary tool used by ICE to gain custody of criminal aliens for deportation. It is a notice to another law enforcement agency that ICE intends to assume custody of an alien and includes information on the alien's previous criminal history, immigration violations, and potential threat to public safety or security.

The Center's last map update reflected listings in an [ICE report](#) published on March 20, 2017.

(SEE LINK BELOW FOR INTERACTIVE MAP)

Map 2: Sanctuaries at Risk of Disqualification From Federal Law Enforcement Funds

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The Department of Justice announced yesterday that sanctuary jurisdictions will lose access to certain federal law enforcement grants in 2017 if they prohibit officials from communicating with ICE, if they block ICE from interviewing jail inmates, and if they fail to notify ICE of the pending release of criminal aliens ICE is seeking to deport. These particular grants, known as the Byrne Justice Assistance Grants, are the largest source of federal criminal justice funds for state, local and tribal authorities.

(SEE LINK BELOW FOR INTERACTIVE MAP)

Sanctuary Cities List

States

California
Connecticut
New Mexico
Colorado

Pueblo County
Routt County
San Miguel County
Weld County

Illinois

Chicago
Cook County

Middlesex County
Newark
Ocean County
Union County

Cities and Counties

California

Alameda County
Berkley
Contra Costa County
Los Angeles County
Los Angeles
Monterey County
Napa County
Orange County
Orange County
Riverside County
Sacramento County
San Bernardino
County
San Diego County
San Francisco County
San Mateo County
Santa Ana
Santa Clara County
Santa Cruz County
Sonoma County

Connecticut

East Haven
Hartford

District Of Columbia

Washington

Florida

Alachua County
Clay County
Hernando County

Georgia

Clayton County
DeKalb County

Iowa

Benton County
Cass County
Franklin County
Fremont County
Greene County
Ida County
Iowa City
Iowa City, Johnson
County
Jefferson County
Marion County
Monona County
Montgomery County
Pottawattamie County
Sioux County

Kansas

Butler County
Harvey County
Sedgwick County
Shawnee County
Story County

Louisiana

New Orleans

Massachusetts

Amherst
Boston
Cambridge
Lawrence
Northhampton
Somerville

Maryland

Baltimore
Montgomery County
Prince George's
County

Minnesota

Hennepin County

Nebraska

Hall County
Sarpy County

New Jersey

New Mexico

Benalillo
New Mexico County
Jails
San Miguel

Nevada

Clark County
Washoe County

New York

Franklin County
Ithaca
Nassau County
New York City
Omondaga County
St. Lawrence County
Wayne County

Oregon

Baker County
Clackamas County
Clatsop County
Coos County
Crook County
Curry County
Deschutes County
Douglas County
Gilliam County
Grant County
Hood River County
Jackson County
Jefferson County
Josephine County
Lane Countyn

Lincoln County
Linn County
Malheur County
Marion County
Marlon County
Multnomah County
Polk County
Sherman County
Springfield
Tillamok County
Umatilla County
Union County
Wallowa County
Wasco County
Washington County
Wheeler County
Yamhill County

Pennsylvania

Bradford County
Bucks County

Butler County
Chester County
Clarion County
Delaware County
Eerie County
Franklin County
Lebanon County
Lehigh County
Lycoming County
Montgomery County
Montour County
Perry County
Philadelphia
Pike County
Westmoreland County

Rhode Island

Providence, Rhode
Island
Rhode Island

Department of
Corrections

Texas

Dallas County
Travis County

Virginia

Arlington County
Chesterfield County

Vermont

Monteplier
Winooski

Washington

Chelan County
Clallam County
Clark County
Cowlitz County
Franklin County
Jefferson County
King County
Kitsap County
Pierce County
San Juan County
Skagit County
Snohomish County
Spokane County
Thurston County
Walla Walla County
Wallowa County
Whatcom County
Yakima County

Wisconsin

Milwaukee

https://cis.org/Map-Sanctuary-Cities-Counties-and-States?qclid=Cj0KCQjwz_TMBRD0ARIsADfk7hRkb2U5vLNvzkTRIHD2IezIf38HRU12ZcUMLPTXduqTohVyH0PfdZwaApHBEALw_wcB



PA's Sanctuary Cities

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What to look for on Smart Talk - Thursday, March 9th, 2017:

A 'sanctuary city' is one that welcomes refugees and undocumented immigrants without fear of prosecution or deportation by its municipal agencies. It is an unofficial title, usually designated by executive officials in city government. Both Pittsburgh and Philadelphia have declared themselves 'sanctuary cities.'

Some cities, like Lancaster, haven't officially announced their 'sanctuary city' status, though they make it clear that there would be no collusion between local law enforcement and the federal government in deporting undocumented residents and welcoming refugees.

Last month, the Pennsylvania State Senate approved a bill that would withhold state funds from 'sanctuary cities' that do not share information on undocumented residents with federal authorities. The vote passed

the senate 37-12, with every Republican senator and three Democratic senators supporting the bill. The bill would result in a loss of up to \$1.3 billion for municipalities seeing as harboring the undocumented. Supporters of the bill argue they are simply enforcing the rule of law. Opponents regard it as a knee-jerk reaction to addressing "our broken national immigration system."



Lancaster Mayor Rick Gray / PA State Senator Richard Alloway (R-33rd)

Lancaster Mayor Rick Gray will join WITF's Smart Talk in studio to discuss the policies he has enacted in his city and how this bill may impact its economy. State Senator Richard Alloway (R-33rd) will also discuss his support for the bill and how he would like to see municipalities interact with the federal government in enforcing immigration law.

<http://www.witf.org/smart-talk/2017/03/pas-sanctuary-cities-a-showdown-at-atlantic-sunrise.php>