

HR 611

Justice for Victims of Sanctuary Cities Act of 2025

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Edwards, Chuck [R-NC-11]

Party: Republican • **State:** NC • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors (3 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. McGuire, John [R-VA-5]	R · VA		Feb 6, 2025
Rep. Moore, Tim [R-NC-14]	R · NC		Dec 18, 2025
Rep. Taylor, David J. [R-OH-2]	R · OH		Dec 23, 2025

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Financial Services Committee	House	Referred To	Jan 22, 2025
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred To	Jan 22, 2025
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Referred to	Jan 22, 2025

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Immigration

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
119 S 3782	Related bill	Feb 5, 2026: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.
119 S 185	Identical bill	Jan 22, 2025: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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This bill provides a private right of action against state and local jurisdictions with certain policies that limit cooperation with federal immigration enforcement efforts, and contains additional provisions related to such jurisdictions. Currently, such cooperation is generally not required.

An individual (or certain relatives of such an individual) who is the victim of any felony for which an alien has been arrested, convicted, or sentenced to a prison term of at least one year may sue a state or local jurisdiction if the jurisdiction failed to comply with (1) certain Department of Homeland Security (DHS) requests related to arresting and detaining aliens, and (2) a DHS request to detain the alien in question or provide a notification about the release of the alien. A jurisdiction that accepts certain federal grants may not assert immunity in such a civil action.

A jurisdiction (or employee of a jurisdiction) that complies with certain DHS detainer requests shall be deemed to be acting as an agent of DHS. A complying jurisdiction or employee of the jurisdiction shall not be liable in any lawsuit relating to compliance with such requests. In a lawsuit against an employee of the jurisdiction, the United States shall be substituted in as the defendant, and remedies shall be limited to provisions for bringing tort claims against the federal government.

Infrastructure, and Financial Services, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

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