



HR 256: Impact on GA Residents



Submitted for the 2005 legislative session, House Resolution 256 (HR 256) seeks to amend the Georgia Constitution by adding provisions that would compromise public safety, deny undocumented immigrants access to health and educational services, and require local law enforcement agencies to determine the immigration status of arrested individuals.

Health & Public Safety:

1. HR 256 will deny undocumented residents of Georgia access to immunizations.
2. Federal law guarantees individuals access to immunizations without regard to immigration status.
3. Denial of healthcare immunizations will make children vulnerable to otherwise preventable diseases, threatening the public health of all Georgia residents.

Education:

1. K-12

- a. HR 256 would deny undocumented children access to public K-12 education
- b. Federal law guarantees all children access to a K-12 education
- c. *Denial of access to a k-12 education:*
 - Punishes thousands of children who involuntarily migrate to GA

- Creates an uneducated subclass of individuals living in GA with no positive alternatives

2. University

- a. HR 256 would deny undocumented adolescents access to public universities in Georgia.
- b. Current law does not deny undocumented children access to state higher education.
- c. Denial of access to a state university prevents currently successful undocumented high school students from realizing their potential as students and contributors to the GA workforce.

Policing and Public Safety:

1. HR 256 requires local GA police to enforce civil immigration law.
2. Federal law prohibits local police from enforcing civil immigration laws.
3. Requiring local police to enforce civil immigration law reduces the amount of time police can spend monitoring violent crime activity.
4. Requiring local police to enforce civil immigration law may lead to racial profiling.
5. Training state government agencies how to enforce immigration law will cost the state money.

Contact your Representatives:

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