Law Overview: SB 1718

- Most sweeping anti-immigrant law in recent memory
 - > Advocacy improved, but still harmful
- Passed during 2023 regular session, signed by Governor May 10th
- 20 sections covering a dozen+ policy areas; we're only covering 5 key ones with greatest potential impact

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| CS/CS/SB 1718: Immigration GENERAL BILL by Fiscal Policy ; Rules ; Ingoglia Immigration; Prohibiting counties and municipalities, respectively, from providing funds to any person, entity, or organization to issue identification documents to an individual who does not provide proof of lawful presence in the United States; specifying that certain driver licenses and permits issued by other states exclusively to unauthorized immigrants are not valid in this state; requiring certain hospitals to collect patient immigration status data information on admission or registration forms; requiring the Department of Economic Opportunity to enter a certain order and require repayment of certain economic development incentives if the department finds or is notified that an employer has knowingly employed an unauthorized alien without verifying the employment eligibility of such person, etc. APPROPRIATION: \$12,000,000 Cieve Bill Summary | | | | | | | | | | ary |
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IMPORTANT!

The immigration law does not go into effect <u>until</u> July 1, 2023*.

*Two provisions—not discussed today—go into effect in 2024 and later.

Hospital Data Collection

What does the law do?

✓Impacts all hospitals that accept Medicaid in Florida (320+).

✓These hospitals must:

- Include immigration status question on intake form.
- Submit quarterly report to State with:
 - # ER visits/hospital admissions by immigration status.
 - > Total cost of care by immigration status.

What <u>doesn't</u> the law do?

- <u>Does not</u> impact free clinics, primary care providers, medical specialists; only hospitals that accept Medicaid.
- <u>Does not</u> allow hospitals to refuse care to anyone based on their immigration status.
- <u>Does not</u> require patients to answer immigration status question to receive care (can decline to answer).
- <u>Does not</u> include personally identifiable information in reports to state (aggregate data only).

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Patients <u>do not</u> need to provide their immigration status to hospitals to receive care.

Floridians are encouraged to *decline to answer* when asked—whether an immigrant or not.