

# IMMIGRATION POLICY UPDATES

## FEDERAL

### TRAVEL BAN

On February 21st, the expanded travel ban went into effect. Six countries were added to an existing list of nations that are subject to visa restrictions. Immigrant visas will not be granted to people from Nigeria, Eritrea, Kyrgyzstan, and Myanmar. People from Sudan and Tanzania are also barred from the Diversity Visa Program.

"It has become a de facto family separation policy"

-Doug Rand

### PUBLIC CHARGE

The Trump administration's "public charge" rule went into effect on February 24th after the Supreme Court lifted the nationwide injunction. The "public charge" rule creates new barriers for low-income immigrants that are applying for permanent residency.

### REMAIN IN MEXICO

In a short lived victory, the Migration Protection Protocols, better known as the Remain in Mexico policy, was halted by a federal appeals court on February 28th. The ruling was only in effect for a few hours before the court stayed its own decision in order to give the government time to appeal the ruling.

## STATE

### POLICE-TO-ICE PIPELINE

SB 589, filed by Senator Burlison (R-20), would force local law enforcement agencies to engage in federal immigration enforcement. This bill has passed out of committee and will head to the Senate Floor for a vote.



### IMMIGRANT TENANT PROTECTIONS

HB 2601 was filed by Representative Unsicker (D-91) on February 25th. This bill would prohibit landlords from disclosing or threatening to disclose the immigration status of their tenants for purposes of intimidation or eviction.

### TUITION EQUITY BAN

SB 642, filed by Senator Onder (R-2), would prohibit public institutions of higher education from offering in-state tuition to undocumented students. This bill has passed out of committee and will head to the Senate Floor for a vote.