

U.S. Congresswoman

Ginny Brown-Waite

*Representing Citrus, Hernando, Lake, Levy,
Marion, Pasco, Polk, and Sumter Counties*



*Rep. Brown-Waite Accountability in Enforcing Immigration
Laws Act of 2007*

Section-by-Section Analysis

SECTION 101.

Makes illegal immigration a felony.

SECTION 102.

Mandates that Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) pick up all illegal alien detainees apprehended by state and local law enforcement officers, or pay the state or local government the per diem rate to house federal prisoners until ICE removes them. Authorizes such sums as may be necessary to carry out these actions.

SECTION 103.

Authorizes DHS, under the 287 (g) program, to pay bonuses to state and local law enforcement agencies for assistance in enforcing immigration laws.

SECTION 104.

Adds immigration status to the background checks conducted for airport workers and requires this as an annual check on all employees, not just for a new hire.

SECTION 105.

Adds immigration status and terrorist watch list as items to be reviewed when conducting background checks for workers at critical infrastructure sites.

SECTION 106.

Condemns rapes by smugglers along the southern border and urges Customs and Border Patrol to work with Mexico to prevent these crimes.

SECTION 201.

Affirms the inherent authority of state law enforcement officials to investigate, identify, apprehend, arrest, detain, or transfer to federal authorities any illegal immigrant apprehended in the course of routine duties. Qualifies that state law enforcement officials do not have to report the identify of a victim of a crime or a witness to a crime to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) for the purposes of immigration enforcement and removal.

SECTION 202.

Establishes a quick reference training manual and pocket guide for state law enforcement to help in detaining illegal immigrants. Requires DHS to make state and local law enforcement training available through as many means as possible and specifies that this training is not necessary for state and local officials to help enforce federal immigration laws.

SECTION 203.

Provides a grant program to state and local governments for special equipment for housing and processing illegal aliens to help with equipment, technology, facilities, etc. at \$250 million per year.

SECTION 204.

Continues and expands the Institutional Removal Program that identifies removable criminal aliens in federal and state correctional facilities. Now any state that receives federal funds for incarceration of criminal aliens must cooperate with officials of the removal program and help identify criminal aliens in its prison population.

SECTION 205.

Authorizes the State Criminal Alien Assistance Program (SCAAP) at \$1 billion per year.

SECTION 206.

Revokes 25% of non-emergency Homeland Security funding within six months of enactment of the Act for sanctuary cities, and gives the DHS Secretary authority to revoke a total of 50% at his discretion.

SECTION 207.

Lists criminal aliens in the National Crime Information Center Database.