

Roy Cooper, Governor State of North Carolina

GOVERNOR ROY COOPER OBJECTIONS AND VETO MESSAGE:

House Bill 370, "AN ACT TO REQUIRE COMPLIANCE WITH IMMIGRATION DETAINERS AND ADMINISTRATIVE WARRANTS"

This legislation is simply about scoring partisan political points and using fear to divide North Carolina. As the former top law enforcement officer of our state, I know that current law allows the state to jail and prosecute dangerous criminals regardless of immigration status. This bill, in addition to being unconstitutional, weakens law enforcement in North Carolina by mandating sheriffs to do the job of federal agents, using local resources that could hurt their ability to protect their counties. Finally, to elevate their partisan political pandering, the legislature has made a sheriff's violation of this new immigration duty as the only specifically named duty violation that can result in a sheriff's removal from office.

Therefore, I veto the bill.

Roy Cooper

Governor

The bill, having been vetoed, is returned to the Clerk of the North Carolina House of Representatives on this the 26 day of August 2019, at 12. 26pm for reconsideration by that body.

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SECTION 5. This act becomes effective 30 days after the bill becomes law. In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 20th day of August, .

2019.

Philip E. Berger

President Pro Tempore of the Senate

VETO Poy Cooper Speaker of the House of Representatives

Roy Cooper Governor

Approved _____.m. this _____ day of ______, 2019

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