



Josh Stein, Governor  
*State of North Carolina*

GOVERNOR JOSH STEIN OBJECTIONS AND VETO MESSAGE:

***Senate Bill 153: AN ACT TO PROTECT THE BORDERS OF THE STATE BY (I) REQUIRING COOPERATION WITH FEDERAL IMMIGRATION OFFICIALS, (II) ENSURING STATE FUNDS ARE BEING USED FOR THE BENEFIT OF PERSONS IN THE STATE LEGALLY, (III) CREATING ADDITIONAL INCENTIVES FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENTS TO COMPLY WITH STATE LAWS RELATED TO IMMIGRATION, AND (IV) PROHIBITING UNC CONSTITUENT INSTITUTIONS FROM BECOMING SANCTUARY UNIVERSITIES.***

Senate Bill 153 would make us less safe. At a time when our law enforcement is already stretched thin, this bill takes state law enforcement officers away from their existing state duties and forces them to act as federal immigration agents. Furthermore, under current law, people without lawful immigration status already are prevented from receiving Medicaid, SNAP, Section 8, and other benefits.

Therefore, I veto the bill.

Josh Stein  
Governor

The bill, having been vetoed, is returned to the Clerk of the North Carolina Senate on this the 20<sup>th</sup> day of June 2025, at ~~2:59 PM~~ 3:33 pm. for reconsideration by that body.

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**"§ 160A-485.1. Waiver of immunity; sanctuary status.**

(a) A city shall have waived its immunity from civil liability in tort if it does not comply with G.S. 160A-205.2 and an unauthorized alien commits a crime against a person or property within the corporate limits of the city.

(b) Immunity shall be waived under subsection (a) of this section even if the city has not purchased insurance as authorized in G.S. 160A-485 or G.S. 160A-485.5(a)."

**PART VI. UNC CONSTITUENT INSTITUTIONS TO COMPLY WITH LAWS RELATED TO IMMIGRATION**

**SECTION 6.** Part 3 of Article 1 of Chapter 116 of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new section to read:

**"§ 116-40.14. Adoption of sanctuary status prohibited.**

(a) A constituent institution shall not have any policy or regulation that limits or restricts the enforcement of federal immigration laws to less than the full extent permitted by federal law.

(b) To the extent permitted by federal law, a constituent institution shall not do any of the following related to information regarding the immigration status of any individual:

- (1) Prevent law enforcement officials or agencies from gathering the information.
- (2) Prevent communication of the information to federal law enforcement agencies."

**PART VII. EFFECTIVE DATE**

**SECTION 7.** Except as otherwise provided, this act is effective when it becomes law.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 10<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2025.

Phil Berger  
President Pro Tempore of the Senate

Destin Hall  
Speaker of the House of Representatives

**VETO**

Josh Stein  
Governor

Approved \_\_\_\_\_ .m. this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_

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