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HOUSE BILL DRH10606-NJa-64

Short Title: Protection of Constitutional Rights.

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Sponsors: Representative Butler.

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT PROTECTING THE CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS OF INDIVIDUALS INJURED  
3 DURING IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 SECTION 1. G.S. 99D-1 reads as rewritten:

6 "§ 99D-1. Interference with Civil Rights.

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8 (a) A person who is injured during civil immigration enforcement by another person who,  
9 whether or not under color of law, violates the United States or North Carolina Constitution while  
10 participating in civil immigration enforcement may bring a civil action against the other person.  
11 Any of the remedies outlined in subsection (b) of this section are available to the injured person.  
12 To the maximum extent permissible under the United States Constitution, a grant of immunity to  
13 a defendant, including, but not limited to, sovereign immunity; official immunity;  
14 intergovernmental immunity; qualified immunity; Supremacy Clause immunity; statutory  
15 immunity; or common law immunity, does not apply in an action brought pursuant to this  
16 subsection.

17 (b) Any person whose exercise or enjoyment of a right described in subdivision (a)(1) or  
18 subsection (a1) of this section has been interfered with, or against whom an attempt has been  
19 made to interfere with the exercise or enjoyment of such a right, by a violation of this Chapter  
20 may bring a civil action. The court may restrain and enjoin such future acts, and may award  
21 compensatory and punitive damages to the plaintiff. The court may award court costs and  
22 attorneys' fees to the prevailing party. However, a prevailing defendant may be awarded  
23 reasonable attorneys' fees only upon a showing that the case is frivolous, unreasonable, or without  
24 foundation.

25 ...."

26 SECTION 2. If any provision of this act or its application is held invalid, the  
27 invalidity does not affect other provisions or applications of this act that can be given effect  
28 without the invalid provisions or application and, to this end, the provisions of this act are  
29 severable.

30 SECTION 3. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Office of State  
31 Budget and Management the sum of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) in nonrecurring funds for  
32 the 2026-2027 fiscal year to design and prepare a downloadable pamphlet, entitled "Know Your  
33 Rights." The pamphlet shall include a summary of the rights of immigrants and citizens who  
34 encounter immigration enforcement officers. The pamphlet shall be written in plain language and  
35 available for download on any State agency, department, or institution website that coordinates



1 with or works with U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement or U.S. Customs and Border  
2 Protection.

3           **SECTION 4.** This act is effective when it becomes law.