

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0276

State agreements to perform immigration functions.

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A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to county sheriffs; requiring each county
2 sheriff to enter into an agreement with the United States
3 attorney general for the performance of immigration officer
4 functions as specified; specifying penalties for
5 noncompliance; requiring reports; and providing for an
6 effective date.

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8 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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10 **Section 1.** W.S. 18-3-612 is created to read:

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12 **18-3-612. Agreements with the United States to**
13 **enforce immigration laws; reporting requirements.**

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1 (a) Each county sheriff, in consultation with the
2 board of county commissioners, shall negotiate the terms of
3 and enter into a written agreement between the county and
4 the United States attorney general or department of
5 justice, as provided by 8 U.S.C. § 1357(g), for the
6 enforcement of federal immigration and customs laws,
7 detentions, removals and investigations in Wyoming. The
8 agreement shall be signed by the sheriff and the board of
9 county commissioners or as otherwise required by the
10 appropriate federal agency.

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12 (b) Not later than October 1, 2025 and each October 1
13 thereafter, each county sheriff shall report to the Wyoming
14 attorney general on:

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16 (i) The status of negotiations with the United
17 States attorney general and the status of any agreement
18 entered into under 8 U.S.C. § 1357(g);

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20 (ii) Whether the United States attorney general
21 has declined to enter into an agreement with the county
22 under 8 U.S.C. § 1357(g) and the reasons for declining;

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1 (iii) If the United States attorney general has
2 declined to enter into an agreement with the county, the
3 county's communication and cooperation with the United
4 States attorney general under 8 U.S.C. § 1357(g).

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6 (c) Not later than November 1, 2025 and each November
7 1 thereafter, the attorney general shall report to the
8 joint judiciary interim committee on the information that
9 each county sheriff communicated to the Wyoming attorney
10 general under subsection (b) of this section.

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12 (d) A county that fails to enter or fails to attempt
13 to enter into an agreement required by subsection (a) of
14 this section shall not be eligible to receive any state
15 administered federal funds associated with law enforcement
16 and law enforcement training for each fiscal year in which
17 the county is not in compliance with subsection (a) of this
18 section. A county that has reported to the Wyoming attorney
19 general that the United States attorney general has
20 declined to enter into an agreement under 8 U.S.C. §
21 1357(g) shall not be subject to this subsection.

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1 **Section 2.** This act is effective immediately upon
2 completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law
3 as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming
4 Constitution.

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