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Protect Sensitive Locations

**SB 397:
SAFETY FOR
IMMIGRANTS
CIVIL RIGHTS
FOR ALL**

- For decades, federal policy restricted civil immigration enforcement action in schools, hospitals, and houses of worship.
- On January 20, 2025, the Trump administration rescinded this policy and gave ICE the power to conduct enforcement at these sites based on their so-called “common sense.”
- This policy, and the fear it instills, means children are missing school, seniors are missing medical appointments, families are missing spiritual and social support.



This bill establishes clear protections for these areas and ensures that everyone in Connecticut can participate in daily life without fear. (Originally SB 91; now included in SB 397 as amended.)

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Hold Federal Agents Accountable

- Over the past year, we have seen sharp escalations in federal immigration enforcement actions.
- Insufficiently trained and poorly disciplined agents have engaged in horrific violence and shown a disregard for Constitutional rights and the rule of law.
- Federal agents have detained, traumatized, injured, deported, and even killed people – immigrants and U.S. citizens alike – without cause and with impunity.
- If we wait for ICE to escalate here, it will be too late to pass these protections and keep our state safer.



This bill requires ID; bans masks; and establishes oversight, investigation, and legal recourse for violations of constitutional rights.

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Limit Surveillance Technology

- Automated License Plate Readers (ALPRs) are surveillance camera systems that are typically installed in roadside locations and record the license plate number and identifying characteristics of all vehicles passing by.
- Recent investigative reporting uncovered thousands of instances when data from ALPR cameras in Connecticut was accessed by out-of-state agencies using search terms like “ICE,” “ICE assist,” or “immigration.” This is an end run around our state’s Trust Act and data protection legislation.



HB 5449 places safeguards on the collection, retention, use, and sharing of ALPR surveillance data. (Originally HB 5449; now included in SB 397 as amended.)