

CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY



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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2025-147

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council Member Carrico

Date of Introduction: February 25, 2025

Committee(s) of Reference: NCSPHS, R, F

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Type of Action: Appropriation

Bill Summary: This bill creates Chapter 605 (Prohibition of Unauthorized Aliens; Punishment) in the Ordinance Code and establishes penalties for unauthorized aliens entering or re-entering the City of Jacksonville. The legislation sets forth restrictions, penalties, and procedures related to law enforcement encounters with unauthorized immigrants. It also appropriates \$76,250 from the General Fund Operating – Economic Grant Program Activity – Miscellaneous Non-Departmental Expenditures account to the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office (JSO) for the purchase of 25 mobile fingerprinting devices. These devices will assist JSO in enforcing the provisions of this bill by enhancing identification capabilities.

Background Information: The purpose of this legislation is to codify penalties related to unauthorized immigrants entering or re-entering the City of Jacksonville. The bill establishes specific offenses and sentencing requirements for unauthorized immigrants who have evaded immigration authorities. It mandates local law enforcement to notify Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) upon making an arrest under this provision. Additionally, the bill prohibits unauthorized immigrants from being eligible for pre-arrest diversion programs or other alternative sentencing initiatives. The legislation also provides funding for 25 mobile fingerprinting devices for JSO to enhance identification procedures and ensure compliance with the newly enacted law.

Policy Impact Area: Immigration enforcement

Fiscal Impact: This bill appropriates \$76,250 from the General Fund to purchase mobile fingerprinting devices for the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office (JSO).

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