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AN ACT

AMENDING TITLE 1, CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE 4, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY ADDING
SECTION 1-272; RELATING TO SOVEREIGN AUTHORITY.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Title 1, chapter 2, article 4, Arizona Revised Statutes, is
3 amended by adding section 1-272, to read:

4 1-272. Sovereign authority; refugees; prohibition; notice

5 A. PURSUANT TO THE SOVEREIGN AUTHORITY OF THIS STATE AND ARTICLE II,
6 SECTION 3, CONSTITUTION OF ARIZONA, THIS STATE AND ALL POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS
7 OF THIS STATE ARE PROHIBITED FROM USING ANY PERSONNEL OR FINANCIAL RESOURCES
8 TO ENFORCE, ADMINISTER OR COOPERATE WITH ANY ACTION OF THE UNITED STATES
9 GOVERNMENT THAT PLACES WITHIN THIS STATE ANY REFUGEE, UNACCOMPANIED ALIEN
10 CHILD OR OTHER PERSON WHO IS NOT A CITIZEN OF THE UNITED STATES UNLESS:

11 1. THE PERSON HAS UNDERGONE A THOROUGH CRIMINAL HISTORY, TERRORISM AND
12 HEALTH BACKGROUND CHECK AND HAS BEEN APPROVED FOR PLACEMENT BY THIS STATE.

13 2. THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT HAS AGREED TO FULLY REIMBURSE THIS
14 STATE AND ITS POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS FOR THE ONGOING COSTS OF THE PLACEMENT
15 THAT ARE INCURRED BY THIS STATE AND ITS POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS.

16 B. THE ATTORNEY GENERAL SHALL ANNUALLY NOTIFY THE SPEAKER OF THE
17 UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, THE MAJORITY LEADER OF THE UNITED
18 STATES SENATE AND THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE OF THIS SECTION.

19 Sec. 2. Legislative findings

20 A. The United States government has not fulfilled its constitutional
21 responsibilities to ensure secure international borders and to regulate
22 lawful, controlled and limited immigration.

23 B. The United States government has placed noncitizen refugees,
24 unaccompanied alien children and other noncitizens within this state without
25 the knowledge or permission of state and local officials and without
26 disclosing the personal information and locations where these individuals are
27 residing.

28 C. It typically costs the taxpayers of this state tens of thousands of
29 dollars annually to provide public education and public assistance for each
30 noncitizen refugee, unaccompanied alien child or other noncitizen placed
31 within this state by the United States government.

32 D. The United States government has not provided full reimbursement of
33 all state and local costs associated with the placement of noncitizen
34 refugees, unaccompanied alien children and other noncitizens placed within
35 this state by the United States government.

36 E. This state has no confidence that the United States government has
37 fully and competently vetted each noncitizen refugee, unaccompanied alien
38 child and other noncitizen placed within this state by the United States
39 government for health conditions and routine vaccinations. Therefore, the
40 United States government has potentially compromised the public health of the
41 citizens of this state.

42 F. This state has no confidence that the United States government has
43 fully and competently vetted each noncitizen refugee, unaccompanied alien
44 child and other noncitizen placed within this state by the United States
45 government for criminal and terrorist backgrounds and associations.
46 Therefore, the United States government has potentially compromised the
47 safety of the citizens of this state.