# Whatis

## HB 10 is a proposed law that would require sheriffs across North Carolina to cooperate with ICE in two ways:

- Try to find out if people confined in their jails have lawful immigration status. This provision does not apply to people in jail for minor traffic offenses.
- Hold people in jail for up to 48 hours\* if ICE requests that the person be detained. If ICE does not come to take the person away in 48 hours, the person will be released. \*The 48 hours does not include weekends or holidays.
- HB 10 does NOT require officers "out in the field" (sheriffs, city police, or state police) to do anything at all. It does not allow law enforcement officers who are not working in a jail to arrest or detain a person based only on their immigration status. It only applies after people are already detained in jail.



## Where is HB 10 now?

The two houses of the legislature (House and Senate) do not currently agree on the exact wording of the bill. A committee of members from the House and the Senate are negotiating to see if they can resolve their differences.

The Senate wants to allow anyone to file a complaint with the Attorney General against sheriffs who do not comply with the law. If this is made law, a court could order the sheriff's department to comply. The House so far has not included this provision.

## What are the next steps for HB 10?

Step 1: If the House and the Senate can agree on language, then both the Senate and the House will vote on the law.

Step 2: If both the Senate and the House pass the law, it will go to the governor's desk. The governor can veto the law within 10 days. We believe the governor will probably veto the law.

Step 3: The House and the Senate can vote to "override" the governor's veto. This means the bill will become law even if the governor opposes it. We believe that the House and Senate will likely vote to make the bill a law.

## What can we do?

Share information with your community about HB 10 in person or on social media

Talk to your local leaders about HB 10

Put pressure on your local elected officials to "vote no" on HB 10.

# If it becomes law, what will happen?

- If it passes as it currently is, it will require local sheriffs to collaborate with ICE.
- HB 10 does not give free range to law enforcement to arrest and deport undocumented immigrants.
- Racial profiling is still illegal.

#### We will fight against it!