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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1789

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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO RESTRICT A LOCAL GOVERNMENT FROM PROVIDING
10 FUNDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF ISSUING AN IDENTIFICATION
11 CARD TO AN INDIVIDUAL IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES; AND
12 FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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16 PROVIDING FUNDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF
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18 INDIVIDUAL IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES.
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21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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23 SECTION 1. DO NOT CODIFY. Legislative Findings.

24 The General Assembly finds that:

25 (1) Arkansas is not a sanctuary state;

26 (2) Across the country municipal identification card programs
27 have been considered a component of a sanctuary city policy when the program
28 allows a local government to provide an official form of government
29 identification to illegal aliens; and

30 (3) The State of Arkansas issues state identification cards to
31 eligible Arkansas residents for identification purposes.
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33 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code Title 14, Chapter 1, Subchapter 1, is amended
34 to add an additional section to read as follows:

35 14-1-111. Funding for identification cards – Restrictions –
36 Definitions.



1 (a) As used in this section:

2 (1) "Identification card" means an identification card
 3 administered and distributed by a local government that:

4 (A) Provides residents with access to:

- 5 (i) Local services;
- 6 (ii) Cultural events; or
- 7 (iii) Business activities; or

8 (B) Helps residents identify themselves to:

- 9 (i) Law enforcement;
- 10 (ii) Schools;
- 11 (iii) Banks;
- 12 (iv) Health centers; or
- 13 (v) Local government departments; and

14 (2) "Local government" means:

- 15 (A) A county;
- 16 (B) A city of the first class;
- 17 (C) A city of the second class; or
- 18 (D) An incorporated town.

19 (b) A local government shall not:

20 (1) Issue an identification card to an individual who does not
 21 provide proof of lawful presence in the United States; or

22 (2) Provide funds to a person, entity, or organization for the
 23 purpose of issuing an identification card to an individual who does not
 24 provide proof of lawful presence in the United States.

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