## Committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security

## Bill Summary

Bill Number: H2573

Name: An Act to enhance public safety

**Sponsor(s):** Representative Nicholas Boldyga

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## **Summary:**

Section 1 defines local and state law enforcement agencies, ICE, and immigration detainers.

Section 2 (a) Mandatory cooperation where all local and state law enforcement agencies shall honor and comply with immigration detainers up to 48 hours beyond regular release, share relevant immigration status information upon request, and participate in joint immigration enforcement operations, as long as it does not interfere with primary law enforcement duties. (b) Exceptions include cooperation shall not extend to such actions by state or federal law, which would contravene an individual's constitutional rights. Local and state law enforcement may decline to detain if no probable cause exists, depending on immigration status.

Section 3(a) requires the Peace Officers Standards and Training Commission to develop training programs for state and local law enforcement on legal obligations and procedures for cooperation with ICE. The commonwealth shall provide resources or federal assistance to support local agencies with compliance, including associated costs for detainment.

Section 4(a) states local and state law enforcement will report annually to the Secretary of Public Safety and Security on the number of ICE detainers, transfers, issues, and legal challenges encountered in cooperation and submit an annual summary.

Section 5(a) covers failure to comply may result in review by the Attorney General or withholding of state funding or grants.