

Committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security

Bill Summary

Bill Number: S.1776

Name: An Act empowering law enforcement to cooperate with the United States to transfer custody of convicted criminals

Sponsor(s): Senator Tarr

Hearing Date: 11/25/25

Prior History: First time file

Sponsor Summary:

Adds new section Mass General Laws Chapter 276 Section 20S to allow an employee of employee of the Commonwealth, or a public instrumentality or political subdivision thereof, who holds police powers or the powers of a sheriff or deputy sheriff to comply with a detainer request accompanied by an administrative warrant by the United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement requesting detention of an individual for a reasonable period of time not to exceed 12 hours on the grounds that there is probable cause that such person is a removable alien for any one or more enumerated reasons; directs agencies electing to exercise such detainer authority to promulgate written policies concerning its exercise; requires a determination of probable cause by a judicial officer for any detention lasting longer than 12 hours.