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Bill Analysis

SB 868 creates the Prohibition on Sanctuary Policies for Illegal Immigration Act. The measure prohibits any state entity or political subdivision from adopting a sanctuary policy. The measure directs law enforcement agencies to support federal immigration law. No state entity or political subdivision may restrict a law enforcement agency from cooperating with federal immigration authorities, recording and maintain information, exchanging information with immigration authorities, complying with an immigration detainer, and confirming the identity of a detained person. The measure provides that the judge of an applicable criminal case shall not reduce the defendant's sentence by a period of more than 12 days.

The provisions of this measure shall not apply to the witness or victim of a crime. The measure requires state and local governments withholding information regarding the immigration information of a victim of or witness to a criminal offense to document the victim's or witness's cooperation in the entity's or agency's investigative records related to the offense and to retain the record for 10 years. The measure authorizes county correctional authorities to transfer detainees to federal custody upon verifying the person matches the person in the order. The measure authorizes the Governor to initiate judicial proceedings in the name of the state against such officers to enforce compliance.

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