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Bill Name	Title	Action	Summary	Subject
AL S 118	Accountant Certification	05/11/2015 - Enacted	This law removes language stating that a legally present immigrant in the United States who has duly declared his or her intent to become a citizen can apply to become a certified public accountant. Non-citizens must have legal documentation from the federal government.	Employment
AL HR 8a	House of Representatives Rules	01/13/2015 - Enacted	Homeland Security and Immigration is named as a subcommittee under Public Safety and Homeland Security in the Rules of the House of Representatives.	Miscellaneous
AR H 1149	DHS Division of County Operations	04/02/2015 - Enacted	This budget appropriates \$24,000 for the Refugee Resettlement Program for the 2015-2016 fiscal year.	Budgets
AR S 842	Services Provided by Certain Legally Admitted Aliens	04/06/2015 - Enacted	This law exempts certain aliens admitted to the U.S. under the Immigration and Nationality Act of 2011 from the definition of employment under the department of workforce services law, provides that an alien so exempted shall be counted in determining whether an agricultural employer meets unemployment coverage requirements.	Employment
AR H 1162	Graduate Registered Physician Act	04/02/2015 - Enacted	A graduate registered physician must either be an Arkansas resident and graduate from an accredited qualifying school in the U.S., or be a U.S. citizen or a legal resident alien who has graduated from an accredited Arkansas allopathic medical school or Arkansas osteopathic medical school.	Health
AR S 1012	Human Trafficking	04/06/2015 - Enacted	This law amends the definition of a child placement agency to include an entity that places, plans for the placement or assists in the placement of a child victim of human trafficking in a home or any type of shelter or facility. The law requires law enforcement agencies to adopt a policy for the completion and signing of T and U non-immigrant visa certification forms for human trafficking victims. It includes provisions for training prosecutors on the fines for the Safe	HumanTrafficking

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			Harbor Fund for Sexually Exploited Children and adds two positions on the Arkansas Child Abuse/Rape/Domestic Violence Commission for experts knowledgeable on human trafficking.	
AR S 612	Second Amendment Rights for Residents	03/24/2015 - Enacted	This law enables permanent legal residents to apply for a concealed handgun license.	ID/Drivers License
AZ S 1469	General Appropriations	03/12/2015 - Enacted	This law appropriates \$2,390,000 to gang and immigration intelligence team enforcement, mission border security and law enforcement.	Budgets
AZ H 2064	Civics Test Graduation Requirement	01/15/2015 - Enacted	This law requires the high school graduation requirements for social studies to include passing a test identical to the civics portion of the naturalization test used by U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services.	Education
AZ H 2036	Naturopathy	04/10/2015 - Enacted	If an applicant for licensure to practice naturopathic medicine who is licensed in another state, district or territory of the U.S. or another country that does not require the same qualifications required by Arizona, the applicant must complete examinations in certain elective practice areas or be issued a license that does not include those practice areas.	Health
AZ S 1012	Osteopathic Examiners in Medicine and Surgery	04/01/2015 - Enacted	This law requires an applicant to be a U.S. citizen or a resident alien to be licensed as a osteopathic physicians by the State Board of Osteopathic Examiners in Medicine and Surgery.	Health
AZ S 1271	Virtual Border Fence	04/09/2015 - Enacted	This law amends existing law permitting construction and maintenance of a secure fence as close as practicable to the Arizona-Mexico border, instead of within one mile of the border. The law allows private or public donations and eliminates the \$10 million appropriations from the	Law Enforcement

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			General Fund. As of July 2014, the Border Security Trust Fund balance was \$264,362.	
CA A 93	Budget Act of 2015	06/24/2015 - Line Item Vetoed	Of the funds appropriated for support of State Department of Health Care Services, up to \$1,000,000 shall be used for research to determine the feasibility of a capped program that would provide medical assistance to individuals 19 years of age or older who do not have satisfactory immigration status or are unable to establish satisfactory immigration status.	Budgets
CA S 97	Budget Act of 2015	06/24/2015 - Enacted	This law appropriates \$1,000 from the Immigrant Integration Fund for support of the Governor's Office, to be used for furthering immigrant integration.	Budgets
CA A 104	Education Finance: Education Omnibus Trailer Bill	06/24/2015 - Enacted	This law authorizes adult education programs in English as a second language and adult education programs for immigrants eligible for educational services in citizenship, English as a second language, workforce preparation in basic skills, and classes required for preparation to participate in job specific technical training to be offered by school districts and county superintendents of schools for apportionment purposes from the adult education fund. Also amends school code to state that a school or school district shall record the numbers of, and demonstrate comparable improvement in academic achievement of significant pupil subgroups at the school or school district, including English learners.	Education

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CA A 7	Public Schools: Larry Itliong Day	06/30/2015 - Enacted	This law requires the Governor to annually proclaim October 25 as Larry Itliong Day, designating this date each year as having special significance in public schools and educational institutions, and encourages those entities to observe the date by conducting exercises remembering Larry Itliong's and the contributions he made to the state. Larry Itliong was a native of the Philippines, moved to the United States in 1929 and became a prominent leader in the American farm labor movement.	Education
CA S 75	Health	06/24/2015 - Enacted	This law extends eligibility for full-scope Medi-Cal benefits to individuals under 19 years of age who do not have, or are unable to establish, satisfactory immigration status and as a result do not qualify for the federal Medicaid Program. The law directs the State Department of Health Care Services to seek any necessary federal approvals to obtain federal financial participation for these services, and would require that these services be provided with state-only funds only if federal financial participation is not available.	Health
CA A 60	Immigration Services	06/17/2015 - Enacted	This law revises the definition of an immigration reform act to include the Presidential executive action announced on November 20, 2014 and any future executive actions. It requires the State Bar to announce and post on its website when any immigration executive action has been issued and it makes it unlawful for an attorney to demand or accept advance payment for immigration reform act services in connection with specified immigration acts under federal law. It also clarifies that existing protections against fraud related to immigration reform services apply when that immigration reform arises from executive action, in addition to congressional action.	Law Enforcement

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CA S 84	State Government	06/24/2015 - Enacted	This law establishes a Statewide Director of Immigrant Integration, which will be appointed by and serve the Governor. The position's duties involve leading, planning and coordinating immigrant services and policies in California. The law also creates the Immigrant Integration Fund in the State Treasury, which may be funded by both private and public funds.	Miscellaneous
CA S 79	Human Services	06/24/2015 - Enacted	The State Department of Social Services, subject to the availability of funding, is required to provide grants to provide services to assist with the application process for initial or renewal requests of deferred action under the DACA and DAPA policies, and to provide legal training and technical assistance to organizations. The department is also required to provide grants to organizations to provide free education and outreach about DACA, DAPA, naturalization, or other immigration remedies. The department is required to update the Legislature, including the timelines for implementation and the organizations awarded contracts or grants, effective 2016 and subject to availability of funding.	Public Benefits
CA SCR 62	Portugal Day	06/24/2015 - Enacted	This act declares June 10, 2015 as Portugal Day to celebrate Portuguese national heritage.	Resolutions
CA SR 21	Cambodian Genocide Memorial Week	04/16/2015 - Enacted	This act recognizes the week of April 13-17, 2015 as Cambodian Genocide Memorial Week.	Resolutions
CA ACR 70	Portuguese National Heritage Month	06/26/2015 - Enacted	This law recognizes the month of June 2015 as Portuguese National Heritage Month.	Resolutions
CA ACR 37	Sikh American Awareness and Appreciation Month	05/26/2015 - Enacted	This measure designates November 2015 as California Sikh American Awareness and Appreciation Month, recognizing the significant contributions Californians of Sikh heritage have made to the state.	Resolutions

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CA ACR 28	Irish American Heritage Month	05/26/2015 - Enacted	This measure recognizes March 2015 as Irish American Heritage Month to honor Irish Americans and their contributions to California and the United States.	Resolutions
CA SR 7	Mexico and Human Rights	02/02/2015 - Enacted	This resolution condemns the disappearance and deaths of the missing college students from Mexico as a violation of human rights and urges the Mexican government of Mexico to support further dialogue between the international community, including the United States, and human rights organizations on human rights reform. An estimated 25,000 to 26,000 people have disappeared in Mexico since 2006, including vulnerable populations such as migrants.	Resolutions
CA ACR 13	Day of Remembrance	04/14/2015 - Enacted	This resolution declares February 19, 2015 a Day of Remembrance to increase public awareness of the events surrounding the internment of Americans of Japanese ancestry during World War II, when more than 120,000 Americans and resident aliens of Japanese ancestry were incarcerated in 10 internment camps throughout the west.	Resolutions
CA SR 15	Pakistani American Day	03/26/2015 - Enacted	This resolution declares March 23, 2015 as Pakistani American Day.	Resolutions
CA SCR 61	Slavic Heritage Day	06/23/2015 - Enacted	This resolution declares May 24, 2015 as Slavic Heritage Day, recognizing the cultural diversity of Slavic people, as well as their contributions to the state.	Resolutions
CA HR 4	Black April Memorial Week	04/27/2015 - Enacted	This resolution declares the week of April 23, 2015 to April 30, 2015 as Black April Memorial Week to remember the countless lives lost during the Vietnam era and marks the 40th anniversary of the fall of Saigon to communism on April 30, 1975. After the fall of Saigon, over 135,000 Vietnamese people and their families fled to the United States, including former military personnel, government officials, and those who had worked for the United States during the war.	Resolutions

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CA AJR 2	Armenian Genocide	04/27/2015 - Enacted	This resolution designates 2015 as "State of California Year of Commemoration of the Centennial Anniversary of the Armenian Genocide of 1915-1923," and recognizes April 24, 2015 as "State of California Day of Commemoration of the Centennial Anniversary of the Armenian Genocide of 1915-1923." Additionally, it calls upon the President and Congress to formally reaffirm the historical truth that the atrocities committed against the Armenian people constituted genocide.	Resolutions
CA ACR 61	May 2015: Asian and Pacific Islander Heritage Month	06/02/2015 - Enacted	This resolution designates May 2015 as Asian and Pacific Islander American Heritage Month, recognizing one of the fastest growing ethnic populations in the state and nation, their enormous contributions to the state's history, as well as the hardships they have endured.	Resolutions
CA SCR 52	Asian and Pacific Islander American Heritage Month	06/10/2015 - Enacted	This resolution designates May 2015 as Asian and Pacific Islander American Heritage Month, recognizing one of the fastest growing ethnic populations in the state and nation, their enormous contributions to the state's history, as well as the hardships they have endured.	Resolutions
CA HR 24	Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Pride Month	06/22/2015 - Enacted	This resolution proclaims June 2015 as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) Pride Month. It recognizes that LGBT people come from all walks of life, regardless of race, ethnicity, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, economic status, physical or mental ability, medical condition, sex, or gender identity or expression.	Resolutions
CA SR 33	Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Month	06/22/2015 - Enacted	This resolution proclaims June 2015 as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) Pride Month. It recognizes that LGBT people come from all walks of life, regardless of race, ethnicity, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, economic status, physical or mental ability, medical condition, sex, or gender identity or expression.	Resolutions

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CA SCR 29	Black April Memorial Month	04/21/2015 - Enacted	This resolution proclaims the month of April 2015 as Black April Memorial Month, in recognition of the 40th anniversary of the Fall of Saigon to communism on April 30, 1975. After the Fall of Saigon, millions of Vietnamese and their families fled Vietnam to surrounding areas and the United States, including, but not limited to, former military personnel, government officials, and those who had worked for the United States during the war. More than 580,000 Vietnamese now live in California.	Resolutions
CA SR 35	Immigrant Heritage Month	06/29/2015 - Enacted	This resolution proclaims the month of June 2015 as Immigrant Heritage Month, recognizing the unique contributions immigrants have made in shaping our nation and the state of California.	Resolutions
CA HR 25	Immigrant Heritage Month	06/29/2015 - Enacted	This resolution proclaims the month of June 2015 as Immigrant Heritage Month.	Resolutions
CA ACR 3	Korean-American Day	02/25/2015 - Enacted	This resolution recognizes January 13, 2015 as Korean-American Day.	Resolutions
CA HR 7	Adult Education	03/23/2015 - Enacted	This resolution recognizes March 22-28, 2015 as "Adult Education Week," recognizing the accomplishments of California adult schools. California's first recorded adult education class was held at St. Mary's Cathedral in San Francisco in 1856 and was authorized by the San Francisco Board of Education to teach English to Irish, Italian and Chinese immigrants. Adult schools provide instruction to those taking English as a second language and citizenship courses, playing a significant role in immigrant integration.	Resolutions



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CA SCR 39	Jewish American Heritage Month	06/26/2015 - Enacted	This resolution recognizes May 2015 as Jewish American Heritage Month. Many generations of Jewish immigrants have come to the United States of America to rebuild their lives, whether it was Jewish families fleeing persecution in Europe during the last century, Holocaust survivors, or Jews trapped behind the Iron Curtain. As a nation of immigrants, the United States is better and stronger because Jewish people from all over the world have chosen to become American citizens. This resolution encourages all Californians to participate in appropriate observances with activities that celebrate and commemorate Jewish American Heritage Month, and commends Jewish Americans for their notable accomplishments and outstanding service to the state and the nation.	Resolutions
CA ACR 2	Persian New Year	04/27/2015 - Enacted	This resolution recognizes the Persian New Year celebration and recognizes the significant contributions of Iranian immigrants in the U.S. and California.	Resolutions
CA SJR 2	Immigration	04/14/2015 - Enacted	This resolution urges Congress and the President of the United States to work together to pass comprehensive immigration reform.	Resolutions
CO S 149	Supplemental Appropriations Department Human Services	03/11/2015 - Enacted	This law allocates \$16,686,921 for Refugee Assistance in Special Purpose Welfare Programs, received from Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Refugee Resettlement, and from the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Block Grant.	Budgets
CO S 234	2015-16 Long Appropriations Bill	04/24/2015 - Enacted	This Special Purpose Welfare Programs budget includes \$16,696,954 appropriated for Refugee Assistance.	Budgets

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CO HJR 1019	Holocaust Awareness Week	04/16/2015 - Enacted	This resolution declares April 12-19, 2015 as Holocaust Awareness Week, recognizing the Nazis' victims, as well as the survivors, especially those who resettled in Colorado, including: Sara Hauptman of Colorado Springs, a survivor of Auschwitz, Paula Burger, who now lives in Denver, survived by hiding in the Naliboki forest, and David Bram, who, as a 13 year old, was sent to Auschwitz and Buchenwald, and after he was liberated, settled in Colorado Springs.	Resolutions
CO SJR 27	Armenian Genocide Day Of Remembrance	04/24/2015 - Enacted	This resolution declares April 24, 2015 a day of remembrance of the Armenian genocide.	Resolutions
CO HJR 1018	Cesar Chavez Day and Honoring Dolores Huerta	04/06/2015 - Enacted	This resolution honors Cesar Chavez and Dolores Huerta, who devoted their lives to improving the working conditions, safety, and dignity of agricultural workers, including migrants.	Resolutions
CT H 6844	State Tuition Eligibility	06/19/2015 - Enacted	This law amends existing law related to requirements for residents, other than certain nonimmigrant aliens, to be classified as an in-state student for tuition purposes. Students must have completed at least two years of high school in the state, rather than the previous four year requirement.	Education
CT S 988	Occupational Health Clinics Statutes	06/05/2015 - Enacted	This law specifies that priority of the Labor Commissioner's grants-in-aid to public and nonprofit organizations, encouraging the development of occupational health clinics, would be given to organizations providing services for working age populations, including, but not limited to, migrant and contingent workers, where health disparities or work structure interfere with the provision of occupational health care services.	Health

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CT H 6366	Proof of Identity for Drive Only License	06/19/2015 - Enacted	This law allows an applicant for a "drive only" license to use a foreign-national ID or birth certificate as a secondary proof of identity. It requires "drive only" vehicle operator's licenses to contain language on the back of such license indicating that it cannot be used for voting purposes. For any such license issued prior to July 1, 2016, the language required by this subsection shall be added upon renewal of such license.	Voting
DE S 59	Undocumented Immigrant Driving Privileges	06/30/2015 - Enacted	This law creates the means for an undocumented immigrant to obtain a driving privilege card in Delaware. A driving privilege card or permit applicant must provide the state with satisfactory documentary evidence and that the applicant has filed a Delaware income tax return or resided in Delaware and been claimed as a dependent by an individual who has filed a state income tax return for the preceding two years. The card is not considered a valid form of identification due to the applicant's inability to prove legal presence in the U.S.	ID/Drivers License
DE S 85	Uniform Interstate Family Support Act	06/30/2015 - Enacted	This law adopts the 2008 version of the Uniform Interstate Family Support Act (UIFSA) which includes appropriate provisions of the Hague Convention on the International Recovery of Child Support to improve the enforcement of U.S. child support orders abroad and ensure children residing in the United States will receive the financial support due from parents wherever those parents may reside.	Public Benefits
DE HR 19	RECOGNIZING JUNE 2015 AS IMMIGRANT HERITAGE MONTH	06/23/2015 - Enacted	This resolution designates June 2015 as Immigrant Heritage Month in Delaware, recognizing the significant contributions immigrants have made to the state and nation.	Resolutions

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DE SCR 15	Recognition Resolution	04/23/2015 - Enacted	This resolution marks the centennial anniversary since the commencement of the Armenian Genocide on April 24, 2015. Delaware is home to a small but vibrant Armenian-American community who has enriched the state. Armenians in Delaware, and throughout the world, have not been provided with justice for the crimes perpetrated against the Armenian nation, yet their spirit continues to thrive a century after their near annihilation.	Resolutions
DE HCR 22	RECOGNIZING APRIL 19-25, 2015, AS "CRIME VICTIMS R	04/23/2015 - Enacted	This resolution recognizes April 19-25, 2015 as "Crime Victims' Rights Week." It acknowledges that Americans are the victims of more than 26 million crimes each year, and crime can touch the lives of anyone, regardless of age, national origin, race, creed, religion, gender, sexual orientation, immigration, or economic status. Immigrant victims, especially those with limited English proficiency, face challenges in finding appropriate services.	Resolutions
FL H 7013	Adoption and Foster Care	06/11/2015 - Enacted	This law requires a licensed child-placing agency conducting intercountry adoptions to meet U.S. Department of State requirements for accreditation or supervision. Additionally, agencies providing adoption services for intercountry adoption in countries that are parties to the Hague Convention on Protection of Children and Cooperation in Respect of Intercountry Adoption, in incoming or outgoing cases, must meet the federal regulations pertaining to intercountry adoptions with convention countries. Adoption agencies in this state providing intercountry adoption services for families residing in this state must maintain a record that contains certain pertinent documents.	Public Benefits

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FL HR 9075	Designation Resolution	04/08/2015 - Enacted	This resolution designates May 2015 as "Haitian Heritage Month" in the State of Florida, and all communities and individuals throughout the state and nation are encouraged to honor Haitian and Haitian-American culture and remember that America's greatness lies in its diversity.	Resolutions
FL SR 1564	Recognition Resolution	04/27/2015 - Enacted	This resolution recognizes entrepreneur and philanthropist Kate Tiedemann, who came to the United States in 1955 as an 18-year-old immigrant from Germany, for her inspiring dedication and generosity to the students and faculty of the University of South Florida St. Petersburg and numerous charities in this state.	Resolutions
FL S 2500a	FY 2015-2016 Appropriations	06/23/2015 - Line Item Vetoed	This budget allocates \$12,100,000 to the Redlands Christian Migrant Association (RCMA) to provide direct services to children eligible for the School Readiness program. It also allocates funds from the Refugee Trust Fund.	Budgets
GA H 75	Control and Administration of Funds	02/19/2015 - Enacted	This budget allocates \$9,303,613 for Refugee Assistance, to provide employment, health screening, medical, cash, and social services assistance to refugees for fiscal year 2015. Additionally, \$20,000 is appropriated to the Immigration Enforcement Review Board in fiscal year 2015 to reimburse members for expenses incurred in connection with the investigation and review of complaints alleging failure of public agencies or employees to properly adhere to federal and state laws related to the federal work authorization program E-Verify.	Budgets

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GA H 76	Appropriations for the State Fiscal Year 2015	05/11/2015 - Line Item Vetoed	This budget allocates \$9,303,613 to Refugee Assistance to provide employment, health screening, medical, cash, and social services assistance to refugees for fiscal year 2016. Additionally, \$20,000 is appropriated to the Immigration Enforcement Review Board in fiscal year 2016 to reimburse members for expenses incurred in connection with the investigation and review of complaints alleging failure of public agencies or employees to properly adhere to federal and state laws related to the federal work authorization program E-Verify.	Budgets
GA H 502	Elementary and Secondary Education	05/12/2015 - Enacted	"America's Founding Philosophy and Principles Act" provides for the ability of each local board of education to require all students, as a condition of graduation, during their ninth through twelfth grade years to complete and pass a separate semester course covering the founding philosophy and principles of the U.S.	Education
GA S 89	Textbooks for Elementary and Secondary Education	05/06/2015 - Enacted	This law prohibits the transfer of student personally identifiable data to any federal, state, or local agency or nongovernmental organization, except for specified exceptions, including when the federal government requires the transfer of student data for a student classified as a 'migrant' for related federal program purposes.	Education
GA H 394	Nurses	05/06/2015 - Enacted	This resolution adds language to allow licensure of those who graduated from a nursing education program located outside of the U.S. that is determined by the board to be equivalent to and not less stringent than an approved nursing education program.	Health

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GA HR 749	Commendations	03/23/2015 - Enacted	This resolution commends Jeffrey Tapia for her life of dedicated service. Under her supervision and direction, the Latin American Association (LAA) has been able to serve more than 50,000 people annually, helping Latinos achieve self-sufficiency, set down roots, and build a prosperous community. She has worked diligently to ensure that all of Georgia's children had access to public education, regardless of their immigration status.	Resolutions
GA HR 939	Commendations	04/02/2015 - Enacted	This resolution commends Ridwan Hassen for being selected as a 2015 Rhodes Scholar. Hassen is the child of refugees from Somalia and Ethiopia, which has provided some of the direction of his activist and charity work, he was a volunteer coordinator for the NAACP and founded an AIDS activist organization, he is now working on the Global Development Project, a charity focused on the Horn of Africa.	Resolutions
GA SR 415	Caribbean American Legislative Day	03/04/2015 - Enacted	This resolution commends the many contributions Caribbean Americans have made to the State of Georgia and recognizes March 19, 2015, as Caribbean American Legislative Day at the state capitol.	Resolutions
GA HR 625	Congratulates Clarkston High School Cross Country Team	03/11/2015 - Enacted	This resolution congratulates the Clarkston High School cross country team for their victorious performance in the 2014 Cross Country State Championship. The team reflects the community around them and is comprised of mostly refugees from Ethiopia, Kurdistan, Somalia, Democratic Republic of Congo, Eritrea and North Sudan.	Resolutions

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GA HR 428	Recognitions	02/20/2015 - Enacted	This resolution declares the month of April, 2015 as Genocide Prevention and Awareness Month at the Capitol and invites the Georgia Coalition to Prevent Genocide to be recognized by the House of Representatives. It also recognizes the Eternal-Life Hemshech of Holocaust Survivors, the Georgia Commission on the Holocaust, the Jewish Community Relations Council of Atlanta, the National Center for Civil and Human Rights, the American Jewish Committee Atlanta Regional Office, and ACCESS Atlanta in their efforts to enhance the security and dignity of minority populations across the globe.	Resolutions
GA HR 489	Personal Recognitions	02/26/2015 - Enacted	This resolution honors the members of the St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee, Chairman Kevin Halligan and the Grand Marshal of the 2015 St. Patrick's Day Parade, Hugh Coleman on the upcoming 2015 St. Patrick's Day Parade in Savannah, Georgia, and invites them to be recognized by the House of Representatives. Savannah has proud Irish roots and its St. Patrick's Day celebration began in 1824 by the Hibernian Society of Savannah, which was formed to aid the early Irish immigrants to Georgia.	Resolutions
GA HR 726	Recognitions	03/23/2015 - Enacted	This resolution recognizes and commends Georgos Panagiotidis, Consul of the Greek Government for the states of Georgia, South Carolina, Tennessee and Kentucky, on the grand occasion of Greek Independence Day and invites him to be recognized by the House of Representatives. Also recognizes the Greek people who immigrated to the United States and are now valuable members of this nation through their contributions as leaders of culture, community, business, and government.	Resolutions



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GA HR 711	Haitian Americans Legislative Day	03/19/2015 - Enacted	This resolution recognizes and commends the contributions of Georgia Haitian Americans and recognizes March 31, 2015 as Georgia Haitian Americans Legislative Day at the state capitol.	Resolutions
GA SR 390	Recognition Resolution	03/02/2015 - Enacted	This resolution recognizes and honors the members of the St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee, Chairman Kevin Halligan and the Grand Marshal of the 2015 St. Patrick's Day Parade, Hugh Coleman on the upcoming occasion of the 2015 St. Patrick's Day Parade in Savannah, Georgia. Savannah has proud Irish roots and its St. Patrick's Day celebration began in 1824 by the Hibernian Society of Savannah, which was formed to aid the early Irish immigrants to Georgia.	Resolutions
GA HR 710	Vietnam Remembrance Day	03/19/2015 - Enacted	This resolution recognizes April 30, 2015, as Vietnam Remembrance Day, marking the 40th anniversary of the fall of Saigon and the end of the Vietnam War. Approximately 125,000 people from South Vietnam fled to the United States after the fall of Saigon in 1975, and significant waves of refugees arrived in the United States in 1978, 1982, and 1992 as well. Vietnamese Americans now participate actively in public life in the United States and are distinguished in business, politics, the arts, sports and humanitarian endeavors.	Resolutions
GA HR 178	Recognitions	02/02/2015 - Enacted	This resolution recognizes February 3, 2015, as Catholic Day at the state capitol. The Archdiocese of Atlanta and the Diocese of Savannah, through their institutions and their people, have continued to reach out in service to all people in Georgia, including newcomers and long established families from all parts of the world, including refugees, immigrants, and those seeking asylum from religious and political oppression.	Resolutions

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GA SR 10	Recognitions	01/13/2015 - Enacted	This resolution recognizes January 13, 2015 as Korean American Day at the State Capitol, honoring the contributions Koreans have made to the United States since the first arrival of 102 pioneer immigrants on January 13, 1903. The population of Korean Americans in Georgia has increased 95 percent in the last decade, making them an important and integral part of communities across the state.	Resolutions
GA HR 35	Korean American Appreciation Day	01/26/2015 - Enacted	This resolution recognizes January 26, 2015 as Korean American Appreciation Day at the state capitol and invites dignitaries Seong-jin KIM, Uncha-Yi Shreve, Young-Rok Oh, Baek-Kyu Kim and James Song to be recognized by the House of Representatives.	Resolutions
GA SR 414	Recognitions	03/04/2015 - Enacted	This resolution recognizes March 25, 2015 as Greek Independence Day and congratulates Georgios Panagiotidis on being named Consul of the Greek Government in Atlanta. It also honors Greek people who immigrated to the United States and are now valuable members of this nation through their contributions as leaders of culture, community, business and government.	Resolutions
GA SR 361	Recognitions	02/25/2015 - Enacted	This resolution recognizes the month of April, 2015, as Genocide Prevention and Awareness Month at the capitol and commends the Georgia Coalition to Prevent Genocide, Eternal-Life Hemshech of Holocaust Survivors, the Georgia Commission on the Holocaust, The Jewish Community Relations Council of Atlanta, The National Center for Civil and Human Rights, The American Jewish Committee Atlanta Regional Office, and ACCESS Atlanta in their efforts to enhance the security and dignity of minority populations across the globe.	Resolutions

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HI S 831	Public Charter Schools	06/12/2015 - Enacted	This law declares that a start-up charter school shall be open to any student residing in the State who is entitled to attend a department school and that charter schools may give an enrollment preference through a weighted lottery to educationally disadvantaged students, which includes migrant students and limited English proficient students.	Education
HI S 160	University of Hawaii Funding	06/12/2015 - Enacted	This law repeals the Senator Hiram L. Fong scholarship program, endowment trust, which provided financial support to qualifying students enrolled at any campus of the university with demonstrated interest and knowledge of the history of immigration to Hawaii.	Education
HI H 1007	Driver Licenses and the REAL ID Act	06/30/2015 - Enacted	This law authorizes the issuance of driver's licenses to residents of Hawaii who cannot provide proof of authorized presence in the United States. Applicants must provide satisfactory proof of identity and Hawaii residency.	ID/Drivers License
HI HR 28	Guangdong Province Anniversary	03/17/2015 - Enacted	This resolution commemorates the thirtieth anniversary of Hawaii's sister-state relationship with the Guangdong Providence. Guangdong was Hawaii's first Chinese sister state because many early immigrants from China came to Hawaii from Guangdong, and over seventy-five per cent of people living in Hawaii can trace their ancestral roots back to the Guangdong province.	Resolutions
HI SR 34	Anniversary of Guangdong Province Relationship	04/01/2015 - Enacted	This resolution commemorates the thirtieth anniversary of Hawaii's sister-state relationship with the Guangdong Providence. Guangdong was Hawaii's first Chinese sister state because many early immigrants from China came to Hawaii from Guangdong, and over seventy-five per cent of people living in Hawaii can trace their ancestral roots back to the Guangdong province.	Resolutions

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HI HR 12	Civil Legal Services Funding	04/09/2015 - Enacted	This resolution requests access to justice commission to assemble various state and community entities to determine which agency or organization should administer funding for civil legal services to the low- and moderate-income. Civil legal services provides better access to the justice system to the indigent who are immigrants, homeless, at risk of homelessness, families in crisis, consumers who have been taken advantage of, and those who speak English as a second language.	Resolutions
HI SR 6	Request Resolution	04/09/2015 - Enacted	This resolution requests access to justice commission to assemble various state and community entities to determine which agency or organization should administer funding for civil legal services to the low- and moderate-income. Civil legal services provide better access to the justice system to the indigent who are immigrants, homeless, at risk of homelessness, families in crisis, consumers who have been taken advantage of, and those who speak English as a second language.	Resolutions
HI HR 139	Medicaid	04/09/2015 - Enacted	This resolution requests the auditor to conduct a review on the effect of the transfer from Medicaid to plans on the Hawaii Health Connector for non-eligible Medicaid Compact of Free Association Residents (COFA), an agreement to the Federated States of Micronesia, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, and the Republic of Palau, to provide economic assistance to the populations of these nations by allowing them to enter, reside and work in the United States and to participate in certain federal programs such as Medicaid in exchange for the militarization and environmental degradation of their island homes.	Resolutions

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HI SR 44	Filipino Veterans Family Reunification	04/09/2015 - Enacted	This resolution urges Congress and the President to support the passage of legislation to expedite family reunification for certain Filipino Veterans of World War II.	Resolutions
HI HCR 208	Compact of Free Association Nations Migrants	04/30/2015 - Enacted	This resolution urges Congress and the U.S. Department of the Interior to restore federal healthcare funding for residents present under the compacts of free association.	Resolutions
IA H 397	State Child Labor Law	05/07/2015 - Enacted	This law relates to the state child labor law. It removes language requiring schools to certify that employed child laborers, between the ages of 10 and 16, are regularly attending school and the potential employment will not interfere with the student's progress in school. The child's employment can be with or without compensation, in street occupations or in migratory labor.	Employment
ID H 245	Application of a Foreign Exchange Pupil	04/06/2015 - Enacted	This law removes the exception for a foreign exchange pupil from applying to a postsecondary institution to enroll in nonsectarian courses.	Education
ID S 1071	Secondary Pupils Civics Test	04/09/2015 - Enacted	This law requires high school students to successfully complete a civics test, which includes questions used by U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, to demonstrate a knowledge and understanding of the fundamentals of U.S. history and the principles and form of U.S. government.	Education
ID H 23	Massage Therapy	03/05/2015 - Enacted	This law provides an exemption from massage therapy licensing laws for the practice of massage therapy by persons licensed, registered or certified in another state, a territory, the District of Columbia or a foreign country when practicing on clients participating in organized athletic events or affiliated with or employed by established athletic teams, athletic organizations or performing arts companies temporarily practicing, competing or performing in the state for no more than 60 days in a calendar year.	Employment

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ID S 1016	Learner's Permits	03/17/2015 - Enacted	Applicants for a class A, B or C driver's licenses or commercial learner's permits must provide proof of U.S. citizenship or lawful permanent residency upon application for issuance, transfer, upgrade or renewal, unless the applicant's driving record already contains documentation confirming citizenship or lawful permanent residency. Applicants for a nondomiciled class A, B or C driver's license or commercial learner's permit domiciled in a foreign country must provide an unexpired employment authorization document issued by the Department of Homeland Security or an unexpired foreign passport accompanied by an approved I-94 form documenting the applicant's most recent admittance into the U.S.	ID/Drivers License
IL H 317	Appropriations	03/26/2015 - Enacted	This budget appropriates \$1,101,300 in aid for Refugees from the General Revenue Fund, \$204,000 for Grants and for Administrative Expenses associated with Refugee Social Services, and \$10,611,200 for Refugee Resettlement Purchase of Service, Including Operation and Administrative Costs. The Public Health Services Fund appropriates \$514,000 for Operational Expenses to Support Refugee Health Care. An additional \$3,422,400 was appropriated for Grants Associated with Migrant Child Care Services, Including Operation and Administrative Costs. The budget appropriates \$6,035,000 for Grants and Administrative Expenses associated with Immigrant Integration Services and for other Immigrant Services, and \$18,400 for Case Services to Migrant Workers, payable from General Revenue Fund. Additionally, \$62,248,400 was set aside for Bilingual Education, and \$43,596,500 was appropriated from the General Revenue Fund to the Illinois State Board of Education for Student	Budgets

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			Assessments, including Bilingual Assessments, \$734,000 is appropriated to the Board of Trustees of the University of Illinois for costs associated with the Hispanic Center for Excellence at the Chicago campus. An appropriation of \$733,100 was made for a grant associated with Job training to the New Start, Inc. for basic nurse assistance training program in Latino communities.	
IL HR 213	Designation Resolution	04/29/2015 - Enacted	Illinois recognizes June 2015 as Immigration Heritage Month.	Resolutions
IL HR 76	Memorial Resolution	03/05/2015 - Enacted	The members of the Illinois House of Representatives are saddened by the death of our friend and colleague, former State Representative Rosemary Mulligan of Des Plaines, who passed away on December 30, 2014. Representative Mulligan was known for her extensive work in social issues, including immigration. She served on the Joint Task Force on Immigrant Issues and received related awards for her work, including the Civic Leadership Recognition Award of the Polish American Leadership Initiative, the Legislative Award of the Italian American Political Coalition, and a Certificate of Appreciation from the Illinois Immigrant Coalition.	Resolutions

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IL HR 399	Memorial Resolution	04/22/2015 - Enacted	The members of the Illinois House of Representatives are saddened to learn of the death of Charles J. "Charlie" Myler of Aurora, who passed away on April 6, 2015. After receiving his law degree, Charles Myler was drafted into the United States Army, he was chosen to be a member of the Counter Intelligence Corps and was eventually sent to Nuremberg, Germany during the 1956 Hungarian Revolution and spent two years working in refugee camps, aiding refugees from behind the Iron Curtain.	Resolutions
IL HR 65	Memorial Resolution	01/28/2015 - Enacted	This resolution commemorates Jesus Baldemar "Jesse" Vazquez of Montgomery, who passed away on January 12, 2015. Jesse Vazquez was born in Linares, Nuevo Leon, Mexico on November 28, 1963 and immigrated to the United States at the age of 10, eventually becoming a key Hispanic leader in the Aurora area.	Resolutions
IL HR 210	Congratulatory Resolution	03/03/2015 - Enacted	This resolution congratulates Alfredo Talip on the occasion of his 90th birthday on February 25, 2015. Talip was born on February 25, 1925 in San Fernando, Tamaulipas, Mexico and in his early adult life he labored as a seasonal migrant farm worker traveling back and forth from Mexico to southern Texas to find work until he immigrated to Illinois in 1951. In 1959, Alfredo Talip was one of the founding members of the Aurora Latin American Club, the first social and cultural club for Mexicans and Tejanos in Aurora.	Resolutions
IL HR 217	Designation Resolution	04/29/2015 - Enacted	This resolution designates a section of Interstate 57 that encompasses an area where the first non-Native Americans in Illinois settled as the "French-Canadian Heritage Corridor." The majority of settlers, and the first significant ethnic groups to make contributions to the area, were French-Canadian pioneers who immigrated in large numbers to what is now	Resolutions



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			Kankakee and Iroquois Counties from the late 1820s to 1850s.	
IL SR 93	Memorial Resolution	03/12/2015 - Enacted	This resolution honors Judy Baar Topinka, who passed away on December 10, 2014. Judy Baar Topinka was born to immigrant parents in Riverside and dedicated herself to a lifetime of service to the people of the State of Illinois, eventually serving in the Illinois House of Representatives and later the Senate.	Resolutions
IL SR 158	Memorial Resolution	02/19/2015 - Enacted	This resolution honors Siegfried Reinhold "Ziggy" Boettle, who passed away on February 3, 2015. Boettle immigrated from Germany to Waukegan, Illinois, where he worked at the Outboard Marine Corporation for 35 years. After retiring, he became the face of safety for Formula One boat racing as the cockpit safety monitor with the UIM, the international governing body of power boating.	Resolutions
IL SR 292	Memorial Resolution	04/16/2015 - Enacted	This resolution recognizes Dzemal Mulasmajic, who passed away on January 7, 2015. Dzemal Mulasmajic was born in Novi Seher, Bosnia (then Yugoslavia) on September 1, 1939 and he immigrated to the United States in 1962. He and his family brought many other families to the United States during and after the 1992 war in Bosnia and helped them get started in order to have a better life.	Resolutions
IL SR 545	Memorial Resolution	05/14/2015 - Enacted	This resolution recognizes Irene (nee Witek) Charcut of North Chicago, who passed away on May 9, 2015. Irene Charcut was heavily involved with volunteer work for her local community and for decades on a pro bono basis, Irene Charcut assisted thousands of Polish immigrants who lovingly called her "ciocia" (auntie). She also served as	Resolutions

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			an interpreter at a local bank for 17 years.	
IL SR 250	Memorial Resolution	03/26/2015 - Enacted	This resolution recognizes Lily Wei-Jeo Lee of Peoria, who passed away on March 15, 2015. Lily Lee was born on November 7, 1936 in Ningbo, China. Lily Lee immigrated with her family to Taipei, Taiwan, where she attended grade school and high school and in the early 1950s, she moved to Peoria to attend nursing school at St. Francis Hospital. Lily Lee dedicated her entire career to nursing and became a vital part of the Peoria area health care community.	Resolutions
IL SR 541	Memorial Resolution	05/14/2015 - Enacted	This resolution recognizes the deceased Emanuel Fattore of Joliet. Emanuel Fattore was born on October 22, 1922 in Saint Eufemia a Maiella (Pescara), Italy and immigrated to America in 1963 in search of better opportunities. Emanuel Fattore worked as a machinist at Caterpillar, Inc. for over 35 years until his retirement.	Resolutions
IL HR 504	Recognition Resolution	05/20/2015 - Enacted	This resolution recognizes the installation of Judge Jessica Arong O'Brien as the 101st President of the Women's Bar Association of Illinois. Jessica Arong O'Brien was born and raised in Cebu City, Philippines and she immigrated to the United States as a young adult. She has distinguished herself as a leader in the legal profession and in the community by serving on various boards and receiving numerous awards for her work and volunteerism.	Resolutions

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IL SR 303	Memorial Resolution	04/16/2015 - Enacted	This resolution recognizes Walter Franz Veile, who passed away on February 24, 2015. Walter Veile was born in Heidenheim Germany on November 7, 1933. Walter Veile learned the baking profession as an apprentice in his uncle's bakery and later worked as a baker and pastry chef in Germany, Switzerland, and Austria, he immigrated to the United States in 1957 and eventually opened Walter's Bakery in North Chicago, which he operated for several years before owning and operating Market Square Pastries in Lake Forest.	Resolutions
IN H 1001	State Budget	05/07/2015 - Enacted	This law defines "federally qualified health center," which means a community health center that is designated by the Health Resources Services Administration, Bureau of Primary Health Care, as a Federally Qualified Health Center Look Alike, including migrant health centers.	Budgets
IN S 441	Tax Deductions and Credits	05/06/2015 - Enacted	This law eliminates language excluding payments made for services provided to a business that was enrolled and participated in the E-Verify program during the time the taxpayer conducted business in Indiana in the taxable year, when calculating certain tax deductions.	Employment
IN H 1019	Public Works Construction Projects	05/06/2015 - Enacted	This law requires a contractor to submit, before work begins on a public work project, the E-Verify case verification number for each individual who is required to be verified. Those whose final case result is final non-confirmation may not be employed on the public works project. A public agency will report contractors who violate E-verify provisions to the appropriate agency.	Employment
IN H 1393	Various Motor Vehicle Matters	05/04/2015 - Enacted	This law authorizes the Bureau of Motor Vehicles Commission to adopt rules relating to verifying an applicant's identity, lawful status, and residence, and to invalidate on a temporary basis	ID/Drivers License

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			a license or permit that was issued based on fraudulent documentation.	
IN SCR 24	Commendatory Resolution	03/12/2015 - Enacted	This resolution honors St. Stephen Bulgarian Eastern Orthodox Church on its 100th anniversary. St. Stephen Bulgarian Eastern Orthodox Church was founded in Indianapolis, Indiana in 1915, by Bulgarian and Macedonian immigrants and was previously located in the Haughville neighborhood where Eastern European immigrants have historically resided. St. Stephen Bulgarian Eastern Orthodox Church is the only Bulgarian Orthodox Archdiocese of the United States, Canada, and Australia.	Resolutions
IN SCR 27	Memorial Resolution	03/23/2015 - Enacted	This resolution recognizes Father Theodore M. Hesburgh, C.S.C., who passed away on February 26, 2015. Father Hesburgh was President of the University of Notre Dame from 1952-1987. He held a number of influential public positions dealing with civil and human rights, including immigration and refugee affairs.	Resolutions
IN HR 35	Memorial Resolution	03/26/2015 - Enacted	This resolution recognizes Father Theodore M. Hesburgh, C.S.C., who passed away on February 26, 2015. Father Hesburgh was President of the University of Notre Dame from 1952-1987. He held a number of influential public positions dealing with civil and human rights, including immigration and refugee affairs.	Resolutions
KS S 7	Education Funding	03/25/2015 - Enacted	This law extends the bilingual education fund in every school, which will cover expenses directly attributable to bilingual education, or funds can be transferred to the general fund of the school district if approved by the board of education.	Budgets
KS S 105	Uniform Interstate Family Support Act	05/19/2015 - Enacted	This amendment creates new law by applying the Uniform Interstate Family Support Act (UIFSA 2008) to support	Public Benefits

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			proceedings involving foreign support orders, tribunals or residents.	
KS H 2258	Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	04/16/2015 - Enacted	This law states that adults who are not otherwise eligible for TANF, such as ineligible aliens, are not required to complete a work program assessment process required for other applicants. If an applicant is working with a refugee social services agency, they are also exempt from the work program assessment. This law limits eligibility for the food assistance program to those individuals who are citizens or who meet qualified non-citizen status as determined by U.S. Department of Agriculture. Non-citizen individuals who are unable or unwilling to provide qualifying immigrant documentation, residing within a household shall not be included when determining the household's size for the purposes of assigning a benefit level to the household for food assistance or comparing the household's monthly income with the income eligibility standards. The gross non-exempt earned and unearned income and resources of disqualified individuals shall be counted in its entirety as available to the remaining household members.	Public Benefits
KS S 34	Voting Crime Penalties	06/08/2015 - Enacted	This law defines voting without being qualified as knowingly voting or attempting to vote in any election district when not a lawfully registered voter in such election district, or at any election by a person who is not a U.S. citizen or who does not otherwise meet the qualifications of an elector. Voting without being qualified or attempting to vote without being qualified is a severity level 7, nonperson felony, formerly a class A misdemeanor.	Voting

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KY SR 234	Memorial Resolution	03/25/2015 - Enacted	This resolution is in honor and loving memory of Suk Man Rai and Chita Chuwan. Suk Man Rai, 19, a student at Fern Creek High School, and Chita Chuwan, 16, a student at Seneca High School, were killed when a train struck their vehicle on Bardstown Road in Louisville on March 14, 2015. These students were both Nepali-Bhutanese refugees who had immigrated to the United States with their families in search of a better life.	Resolutions
KY HR 79	Recognition Resolution	02/04/2015 - Enacted	This resolution recognizes March as Irish American Heritage Month for Kentucky.	Resolutions
LA H 1	Appropriations	06/19/2015 - Line Item Vetoed	This budget appropriates \$75,094,875 in non-discretionary expenditure and \$104,221,759 in discretionary expenditures for Community and Family Services, which funds various public benefits, including cash grants to impoverished refugees. Additionally, it funds \$160,678,983 in non-discretionary expenditure and \$51,395,597 in discretionary expenditures for Field Services, which determines the eligibility for various public benefits, including cash grants to low-income refugees.	Budgets
LA H 705	Taylor Opportunity Program for Students	06/23/2015 - Enacted	This law exempts certain students from the citizenship requirement for the Taylor Opportunity Program for Students, including a student who will be eligible and apply for citizenship when they turn of age and acquire citizenship within one year of their application, a student who is the child of a non-U.S. citizen serving or honorably discharged from the U.S. armed forces, a student who graduates from high school during the 2002-2003 school year or thereafter, who is not a U.S. citizen but who is a permanent resident as defined by U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Service, and who is eligible to apply for U.S. citizenship.	Education

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LA H 181	Noncitizen Student Scholarship Awards	06/19/2015 - Enacted	This law provides an exception to citizenship requirements of the Taylor Opportunity Program for Students recipients, allows a non-citizen student to receive an award if the parent is a non-citizen who is serving in or was honorably discharged from the U.S. Armed Forces.	Education
LA H 491	Dentistry and Dentists	05/22/2015 - Enacted	This law allows persons with valid and current legal authority to reside and work in the United States to apply for a dentistry license.	ID/Drivers License
LA HR 175	Homeland Security	06/10/2015 - Enacted	This resolution creates a task force to study the impact of illegal immigration on Louisiana taxpayers.	Resolutions
LA SR 102	Condolences	05/12/2015 - Enacted	This resolution expresses the sincere condolences of the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the death of long-time Baton Rouge community leader, Irwin Richard "Dick" Schneider. Born to immigrant parents in 1921 in Newark, New Jersey, Schneider was a professional engineer and loving family man dedicated to bettering his community.	Resolutions
LA SCR 66	Fish and Fishing	05/20/2015 - Enacted	This resolution memorializes U.S. Congress to take action against illegal, unreported, and unregulated fishing in Louisiana's sovereign waters by passing H.R. 774, the Illegal, Unreported, and Unregulated Fishing Enforcement Act of 2015. This act further provides that vessels involved with illegal fishing are also associated with other crimes, including drug trafficking, human trafficking, and illegal immigration, and the incursion by these foreign fishing vessels into U.S. waters constitutes a violation of U.S. sovereignty.	Resolutions
LA SR 32	Commendations	04/20/2015 - Enacted	This resolution recognizes the Vietnamese-American community and commends its celebration of the fortieth anniversary of settlement and prosperity in South Louisiana.	Resolutions

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LA SR 65	Commendations	04/27/2015 - Enacted	This resolution recognizes Tuesday, April 28, 2015, as St. Bernard Parish Day at the state capitol and acknowledges the many contributions of culture, beauty, and economic prosperity made to the state by its citizens. Canary Islanders immigrated to the lower edge of the parish to join French-Acadian pioneers, who settled there in 1720.	Resolutions
LA HR 51	Special Day and Week and Month	04/28/2015 - Enacted	This resolution recognizes Tuesday, April 28, 2015, as St. Bernard Parish Day at the state capitol and to acknowledge the many contributions of culture, beauty, and economic prosperity made to the state by its citizens. St. Bernard is a community of congenial people who have maintained a unique cultural identity since its founding under Spanish colonial rule. Canary Islanders immigrated to the lower edge of the parish to join French-Acadian pioneers, who settled there in 1720.	Resolutions
LA SR 110	Governor	05/28/2015 - Enacted	This resolution requests the governor to appoint a cosmetologist or owner of a beauty shop or salon from the Vietnamese-American Community in Louisiana to serve on the Louisiana Board of Cosmetology at the occurrence of the next vacancy.	Resolutions
MD H 70	State Budget Appropriations	04/13/2015 - Enacted	This budget appropriates \$14,410,177 for the Maryland Office for Refugees and Asylees federal fund appropriation in the line item for Child Support Enforcement Administration. The federal fund appropriation for language assistance is \$9,363,356. It also appropriates \$217,180, 270 for educating students with limited English proficiency.	Budgets
MD S 829	Audiologists Speech Language Pathologists	05/12/2015 - Enacted	This law exempts persons licensed to practice audiology or speech-language pathology in another state or a foreign country from a licensure requirement while the individuals are providing a clinical demonstration or receiving	Employment



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			clinical training at a training or an educational event in the state.	
MD H 1160	State Racing Commission	05/12/2015 - Enacted	This law repeals provisions of law requiring 85 percent of individuals employed by a person licensed by the State Racing Commission to hold a race meeting to be U.S. citizens who have maintained a permanent place of residence in the state for two years immediately before being employed.	Employment
ME H 413	Firearms	06/30/2015 - Enacted	This law prohibits the possession of firearms to aliens who are illegally or unlawfully in the country or who were detained under a nonimmigrant visa.	ID/Drivers License
MI S 133	Omnibus Budget Appropriations	06/17/2015 - Line Item Vetoed	This budget allocates \$27,966,600 in public assistance for refugees and \$1,186,600 for migrant labor housing. It specifies that state emergency relief payments shall not be made available to illegal immigrants. Additionally, this law requires the department to verify, using the e-verify system, that all new department employees, and new hire employees of contractors and subcontractors, paid from appropriated funds in this budget, are legally present and authorized to work in the United States. The department may verify this information directly or may require contractors and subcontractors to verify the information and submit a certification to the department. "E-Verify" means an Internet-based system operated by the Department of Homeland Security, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services in partnership with the Social Security Administration.	Budgets

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MI H 4115	Education Appropriations	06/17/2015 - Enacted	This law sets aside an estimated \$8,878,000 for the purpose of identifying and serving migrant children, funded from migrant education funds. The budget also appropriates \$389,695,500, which must be used to provide specified instructional programs and direct non-instructional services, including medical, mental health, or counseling services, for at-risk pupils, which includes migrants, English language learners, and immigrants who immigrated within the preceding three years, among other individuals.	Budgets
MI S 42	Commercial Drivers	04/09/2015 - Enacted	If an applicant for an operator's license or chauffeur's license to operate a noncommercial motor vehicle is a U.S. citizen, the applicant shall supply a photographic identity document, a birth certificate, or other documents to verify the identity and citizenship of the applicant. If an applicant is not a U.S. citizen, they shall supply a photographic identity document and other documents to verify identity and legal presence in the U.S. The documents required shall include the applicant's full legal name, date of birth, and address and residency and demonstrate that the applicant is a U.S. citizen or is legally present in the country.	ID/Drivers License
MI S 53	Weapon Registration	04/14/2015 - Enacted	This law requires an applicant for a concealed weapon license to be a citizen or an alien lawfully admitted into the U.S., a legal resident of this state, and to have resided in the state for at least the 6 months immediately preceding the date of application.	ID/Drivers License
MI SR 45	Asian Pacific American Heritage Month Resolution	04/30/2015 - Enacted	This resolution commemorates May 2015 as Asian Pacific American Heritage Month. Michigan is home to more than 300,000 residents of Asian and Pacific Island descent, the fastest-growing population in the state.	Resolutions

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MI SR 55	Chaldean American Day Resolution	05/14/2015 - Enacted	This resolution declare May 14, 2015, as Chaldean American Day in the state of Michigan. Approximately 130,000 Chaldeans reside in Michigan, the largest population outside of the Middle East.	Resolutions
MI HR 61	Armenian Genocide Resolution	04/22/2015 - Enacted	This resolution declares April 24, 2015, as a Day of Remembrance in the state of Michigan for the Armenian Genocide of 1915-1923. Many refugees fled to the United States and today Michigan is honored to be home to a vibrant Armenian-American population.	Resolutions
MI HR 71	Declaration Resolution	04/30/2015 - Enacted	This resolution declares April 26-May 2, 2015, as Black April Memorial Week in the state of Michigan and recognizes that Vietnamese immigrants and refugees have overcome social, economic, and language barriers of unforeseen magnitude to grow and become the most assimilated along civic dimensions of any large group in America.	Resolutions
MI HR 85	Chaldean American Day Resolution	05/14/2015 - Enacted	This resolution declares May 14, 2015, as Chaldean American Day in the state of Michigan. Approximately 130,000 Chaldeans reside in Michigan, the largest population outside of the Middle East.	Resolutions
MI HR 9	Urge Resolution	05/14/2015 - Enacted	This resolution urges the President to allow an additional 25,000 refugee visas for displaced Iraqis, with preference for placement in Michigan.	Resolutions
MN S 5	Higher Education	05/22/2015 - Enacted	This budget appropriates \$35,000 in fiscal year 2016 and \$35,000 in fiscal year 2017 to implement a program to assist foreign-born students and groups underrepresented in nursing to succeed in post-secondary nursing programs.	Budgets

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MN S 1458	Human Services	05/22/2015 - Enacted	This law appropriates \$500,000 in fiscal year 2016 and \$500,000 in fiscal year 2017 to create the international medical graduates assistance program to address barriers to practice and facilitate pathways to assist immigrant international medical graduates to integrate into the Minnesota health care delivery system, with the goal of increasing access to primary care in rural and under-served areas of the state. The Department of Health must report recommendations to the legislature by January 15, 2017.	Budgets
MN S 888	Operation of State Government	05/23/2015 - Enacted	This law creates three ethnic councils: the Minnesota Council on Latino Affairs includes public members with an ethnic heritage from Mexico, any of the countries in Central or South America, Cuba, the Dominican Republic, or Puerto Rico, the Council for Minnesotans of African Heritage includes public members of black African ancestry, and the Council on Asian-Pacific Minnesotans includes public members with an ethnic heritage from any of the countries east of, and including, Afghanistan or the Pacific Islands. Each council has 15 voting members, 11 who are public members appointed by the governor and four who are legislators. These councils must work for the implementation of economic, social, legal, and political equality for its constituency, by advising the governor and the legislature on issues, conducting and reporting studies, and compiling reports, among other duties.	Miscellaneous
MO H 2	Board of Education Appropriations	05/08/2015 - Enacted	For the Performance Based Assessment Program or the Division of Learning Services provisions, no funds shall be used to support the collection, distribution, or sharing of any individually identifiable student data with the federal government, with the exception of the reporting	Budgets

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			requirements of the Migrant Education Program, or other specified programs.	
MO H 10	Department of Mental Health Appropriations	05/08/2015 - Enacted	This budget appropriates \$200,000 to the Department of Health and Senior Services for the Division of Senior and Disability Services, for the purpose of providing naturalization assistance and services to senior refugees and/or legal immigrants.	Budgets
MO H 11	Department of Social Services Appropriations	05/08/2015 - Enacted	This budget appropriates \$3,806,226 to the Department of Social Services for the Family Support Division, for funding benefits and services as provided by the Indochina Migration and Refugee Assistance Act of 1975. Additionally, it appropriates funding to the Department of Social Services and sets aside \$150,000 for reimbursement for translation services for patients with limited English proficiency in primary care settings to ensure an accurate level of communication with the provider. This funding is only available at the request of a treating physician or primary care provider for limited English proficient patients that legally reside in Missouri.	Budgets
MO H 3	Department of Higher Education Appropriations	05/08/2015 - Enacted	This law bars funds to institutions of higher education that offer a tuition rate less than the international rate to students with unlawful immigration status, and bars scholarship funds to students with unlawful immigration status.	Education

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MS S 2855	Department of Corrections Appropriation	04/20/2015 - Enacted	This budget appropriates \$333,063,329 from the State General Fund, and \$28,697,981 from the State Treasury for support and maintenance of the Mississippi Department of Corrections for fiscal year 2015-16. It specifies that none of these funds may be expended by the Department of Corrections after September 1, 2015, until the Commissioner of Corrections, on behalf of the State of Mississippi, has submitted an application to the United States Secretary of Homeland Security to participate in the Criminal Alien Program of the United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement, in order to identify criminal aliens who are incarcerated in state correctional facilities and ensure that they are not released into the community by securing a final order of removal that deports the aliens back to their home countries before the termination of their sentences.	Budgets
MS SCR 649	Recognition Resolution	03/29/2015 - Enacted	This resolution congratulates O'Keefe Funeral Homes and the O'Keefe family on the occasion of their 150th Business Anniversary and proclaims April 19, 2015, as "O'Keefe Funeral Homes Day in Mississippi," in recognition of 150 years of distinguished service to the State of Mississippi and its people. The business was started in 1865 by Irish immigrant Edward "Ned" O'Keefe.	Resolutions
MS SCR 657	Mourn Resolution	03/29/2015 - Enacted	This resolution mourns the passing of social justice advocate and civil rights and immigrants' activist Stephanie Parker-Weaver of Jackson, Mississippi.	Resolutions
MT H 4	Appropriations by Budget Amendment	04/27/2015 - Enacted	This budget appropriates \$1,500 for Immigration Customs Enforcement overtime.	Budgets
ND S 2206	Department of Human Services	05/12/2015 - Enacted	This law specifies that the board of county commissioners of each county annually shall appropriate and make available to the human services fund an amount sufficient to pay the local expenses of administration of locally administered economic assistance	Budgets

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			programs, which includes refugee assistance programs.	
ND H 1087	High School Graduation Requirements	01/30/2015 - Enacted	This law requires high school students to pass a "civics test" prior to being awarded a diploma, to demonstrate a knowledge and understanding of the fundamentals of U.S. history and the principles and form of U.S. government. This test will consist of questions used in the naturalization test administered by U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services.	Education
ND H 1099	Temporary Suspension of Chiropractors	03/20/2015 - Enacted	This law exempts chiropractors from the state's licensing requirements who are licensed in another jurisdiction of the U.S. or credentialed to practice chiropractic in another country if those chiropractors are teaching, demonstrating, or providing chiropractic in connection with teaching or participating in an educational seminar in the state for no more than sixty days in a calendar year.	Health
ND S 2107	Human Trafficking	04/23/2015 - Enacted	This law defines "identification document" as a passport, driver's license, immigration document, travel document, or other government-issued identification document, including a document issued by a foreign government.	HumanTrafficking
ND H 1304	Presumption of an Individuals Legal Date of Birth	04/15/2015 - Enacted	A foreign government document in the form of a passport, driver's license, or other foreign government-issued identity document, that includes the individual's date of birth, can be used to determine an individual's legal age. If there is a conflict between government issued forms, a government issued birth certificate or a certified copy of a birth certificate takes precedence.	ID/Drivers License

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ND H 1467	Authority of Federal Agents to Make Arrests	04/02/2015 - Enacted	This law extends the current law regarding the authority of an officer, without a warrant, to arrest a person, to include officers of the U.S. Customs and Border Protection. Officers may make an arrest if the person commits an assault or other crime against the officer or against any other person in the presence of the officer, if the officer has reasonable cause to believe that a crime or a felony has been committed and reasonable cause to believe that the person to be arrested has committed it, or if the officer has received positive information from an authoritative source that a peace officer holds a warrant for the person's arrest.	Law Enforcement
ND H 1305	Requirements for a Change of Name	04/15/2015 - Enacted	This law requires any person desiring to change their name in their county's district court to be a citizen or permanent resident alien of the United States.	Miscellaneous
ND H 1389	Verification of Citizenship for Voter Identification	03/30/2015 - Enacted	This law provides for a legislative management study during the 2015-16 interim relating to verification of citizenship status for voting, including absentee and mail ballot voting, and for obtaining driver's licenses. The study also must address the process through which the department of transportation verifies citizenship status in the issuance of driver's licenses and non-driver identification cards and the feasibility and desirability of requiring the department of transportation to include a notation on a driver's license or non-driver identification card indicating the individual is not a U.S. citizen.	Voting
NE L 623	Motor Vehicle Operators License Act	05/28/2015 - Enacted	The Legislature finds and adopts the definitions of lawful status under the federal REAL ID Act of 2005, Public Law 109-13 for the purpose of finding one's eligibility for a federally secure motor vehicle operator's license or state identification card. This law allows for issuing driver's licenses to recipients of	ID/Drivers License



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			Deferred Action of Childhood Arrivals (DACA).	
NH SCR 1	Contribution of Bhutanese Refugees	06/11/2015 - Enacted	This resolution recognizes the contribution of Bhutanese refugees to New Hampshire, and requests the U.S. government to work diligently on resolving the Bhutanese refugee crisis, reaching an agreement to allow the option of repatriation, and promoting human rights and democracy in Bhutan.	Resolutions
NJ S 2016	State Budget Appropriations	06/26/2015 - Line Item Vetoed	This budget appropriates \$4,268,000 for the Refugee Resettlement Program and \$22,000 the Health Program for Indochinese Refugees. An additional \$135,000 is set aside for the management and administration and support services of the Refugee Resettlement Program. This budget also appropriates \$5,000 for employment services cost reimbursable grants for migrant housing, and \$2,022,000 for migrant education from federal funds, \$82,000 for migrant education under Educational Support, \$77,000 for the migrant coordination program, \$21,100,000 for bilingual education, and an additional \$10,000 for bilingual and compensatory education for homeless children and youth.	Budgets
NJ AR 224	New Jersey and Taiwan Sister State 26th Anniversary	03/26/2015 - Enacted	This is an Assembly Resolution recognizing the 26th Anniversary of the New Jersey-Taiwan sister state relationship, and the importance of a strong and enduring partnership between New Jersey and Taiwan. Also recognizes the individuals from Taiwan who have immigrated to this country and this State have contributed greatly to its diversity and thriving international culture.	Resolutions

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NJ SR 124	Tourism	05/18/2015 - Enacted	This Senate Resolution celebrates New Jersey as an inclusive State and welcomes everyone to its many attractions. The State of New Jersey is distinguished by its unique history of immigration, cultural diversity, and inclusion of everyone in public life.	Resolutions
NM H 2	General Appropriation Act of 2015	04/09/2015 - Line Item Vetoed	This budget appropriates \$717,800 to the College Assistance Migrant Program at New Mexico State University.	Budgets
NM SM 44	Housing Services for Homeless	03/16/2015 - Enacted	This memorial requests the Human Services Department, the New Mexico Mortgage Finance Authority and others to identify strategies to coordinate supportive housing and other resources for the homeless and to identify and report on gaps in housing and services. One group experiencing homelessness in New Mexico is migrant workers.	Resolutions
NM HM 27	Valencia County Day	02/20/2015 - Enacted	This resolution commemorates February 20, 2015 as "Valencia County Day" in the House of Representatives and celebrates the rich Spanish heritage of the Rio Grande valley.	Resolutions
NM SM 98	Asian American Day	03/06/2015 - Enacted	This resolution declares March 6, 2015 "Asian American Day" in the Senate, to recognize the more than thirty thousand Asians living in New Mexico.	Resolutions
NM HM 91	Asian American Day	03/06/2015 - Enacted	This resolution declares March 6, 2015 as "Asian American Day" in the House of Representatives, to recognize the more than thirty thousand Asians living in New Mexico.	Resolutions
NM HM 89	Albuquerque West Side Day	02/19/2015 - Enacted	This resolution proclaims Thursday, February 19, 2015 as "Albuquerque West Side Day" at the House of Representatives. The west side has the highest percentage of Hispanics in Albuquerque, including some who have roots dating back to the early Spanish settlers and some who are newly arrived Latino immigrants.	Resolutions
NM SM 113	Mayor David Coss in Recognition	03/06/2015 - Enacted	This resolution recognizes Mayor David Coss and his achievements. Mayor Coss had many significant accomplishments during his mayoral terms, including	Resolutions

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			working with police and the immigrant community to improve relations and increase public safety.	
NM HM 72	Immigrant Families Detainment Alternatives	03/18/2015 - Enacted	This resolution requests the President of the United States and members of the New Mexico congressional delegation to consider alternatives to the detainment of immigrant families seeking asylum in this country.	Resolutions
NV A 166	Establishment of the State Seal of Biliteracy Program	05/30/2015 - Enacted	The Superintendent of Public Instruction shall establish a State Seal of Biliteracy Program to recognize students who graduate from a public high school who have attained a high level of proficiency in one or more languages in addition to English and meet other academic requirements. The seal will be affixed to recipients' diplomas and noted on their transcript.	Education
NV A 30	Plans to Improve the Achievement of Pupils	05/11/2015 - Enacted	This law requires public schools to identify the instruction and curriculum that is specifically designed to improve the achievement and proficiency of pupils in each group identified in the statewide system of accountability for public schools, including improving the literacy skills of pupils and improving the development of English language skills and academic achievement of pupils who are limited English proficient.	Education
NV S 393	Oriental Medicine	05/29/2015 - Enacted	This law exempts from the state's licensing requirements an acupuncturist: (1) who is employed by a school of Oriental medicine that is located in this State and that has received at least candidacy status for institutional accreditation from the Accreditation Commission for Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine or its successor organization, (2) who is licensed in another state or jurisdiction, and (3) whose practice of acupuncture in this State is limited to teaching, supervising or demonstrating the methods and practice of acupuncture	Health

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			in a clinical setting and does not involve the acceptance of payment from any patient for services relating to his or her practice of acupuncture.	
NV A 39	Application Fee for Physician Visa Waiver Program	05/18/2015 - Enacted	This law increases the cap of the application fee the State Board of Health may establish for the Physician Visa Waiver Program to \$2,000, payable to the Program by an employer or a J-1 visa physician who applies for a letter of support.	Health
NV A 383	Drivers Licenses	05/27/2015 - Enacted	This law authorizes reciprocal agreements with other countries with comparable requirements concerning the licensing of drivers.	ID/Drivers License
NV S 3	Registry of Emergency Contact Information	05/20/2015 - Enacted	Unless required by law, the Director shall not allow any person to make use of information retrieved from the Next-of-Kin Registry for any purpose relating to the legal presence of a person.	ID/Drivers License
NV A 65	Provisions Relating To Notaries Public	05/27/2015 - Enacted	Existing law prohibits the use of the Spanish term "notario" or "notario publico" in any signage or advertisement by a notary public who is not also an attorney licensed to practice law in this State. This law extends this prohibition to the employers of notaries public, and requires the imposition of a civil penalty for violating such a prohibition. If guilty of violating this provision, an employer must immediately remove such language, assess a civil penalty up to \$2,000 per violation. This law also adds language to include valid Employment Authorization Document issued by U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services as one of the accepted forms of identification to register to work as a notary public. The	Law Enforcement

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			registration of one who holds a valid Employment Authorization Document must expire on the date on which that person's employment authorization expires.	
NV SJR 21	Comprehensive Immigration Reform	05/22/2015 - Enacted	This resolution urges Congress to enact comprehensive immigration reform.	Resolutions
NY S 4612	Appropriations Amendment	04/13/2015 - Line Item Vetoed	This budget makes various allocations for English language acquisition, English as a second language programs, and the education of children of migrant workers.	Budgets
NY S 2000	State Operations Budget	04/13/2015 - Line Item Vetoed	This budget makes various allocations for refugee resettlement services and expenses, and language instruction for limited English proficient and immigrant students.	Budgets
NY A 3003	Appropriations	04/13/2015 - Line Item Vetoed	This budget makes various appropriations for refugees, asylees, victims of human trafficking, and services related to programs which assist non-citizens in their attainment of citizenship.	Budgets
NY A 3007	Public Health and Social Services Laws	04/13/2015 - Enacted	This law requires the Commissioner of Health to submit an annual report to the temporary President of the Senate and the Speaker of the Assembly that includes the demographics of basic health program enrollees, including immigration status. This law also outlines the eligibility requirements for applicants and recipients who are non-citizens in a valid nonimmigrant status applying for medical assistance.	Health

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OK S 434	Oklahoma Chiropractic Practice Act	04/21/2015 - Enacted	This law directs the Board to issue chiropractic licenses to applicants who graduated from Board-approved and accredited chiropractic schools, colleges or programs outside the U.S. if the applicants have completed an educational program leading to a degree in chiropractic from an institution authorized to operate by the government having jurisdiction in which it is domiciled. Requires applicants with documentation in a foreign language submitted by the Board to be accompanied by notarized English translations. International applicants shall provide satisfactory evidence of meeting the requirements for permanent residence or temporary nonimmigrant status as set forth by U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services.	Health
OK S 236	Health Insurance Navigators	04/21/2015 - Enacted	This law requires registered individual health insurance navigators and registered navigator entities to allow for an on-site inspection of operations and records. A registered navigator entity shall, upon inquiry by the Commissioner, verify the name, contact information, and date of contact for an individual or group assisted in enrolling on the exchange by any navigator employed or overseen by the navigator entity. "Personally identifiable information" means information which can identify an individual including, social security number, official state- or government-issued driver license or identification number, alien registration number, government passport number, employer or taxpayer identification number, etc.	Health

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OK S 781	State Dental Act	05/01/2015 - Enacted	Upon request of the Dean of an accredited dental or hygiene program, the Board President may issue a dentist or hygienist licensed in another state or country a temporary license for the purpose of attending, presenting or participating in a seminar or live training in dental techniques or dental anesthesia, given at the University of Oklahoma College of Dentistry to licensed dentists and hygienists for continuing education credits and students enrolled in the University of Oklahoma College of Dentistry. A temporary permit issued for this purpose shall not exceed seven (7) days and may not be issued to the same person more than four (4) times in a calendar year.	Health
OR H 2419	Definition of Health Care Interpreter	06/10/2015 - Enacted	This law provides that it is the Legislative Assembly's policy to require the use of certified or qualified health care interpreters whenever possible to ensure the accurate and adequate provision of health care to persons with limited English proficiency, and includes definitions for "health care interpreter" and "qualified health care interpreter." The law also changes the Oregon Council on Health Care Interpreters in the Oregon Health Authority to consist of no more than 15 members, appointed by the Director of the Oregon Health Authority, representing: persons with expertise and experience in the administration of or policymaking for programs or services related to interpreters, employers or contractors of health care interpreters, health care interpreter training programs, language access service providers, and practicing certified and qualified health care interpreters.	Health

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OR H 2365	Task Force on Adoption Proceedings	06/22/2015 - Enacted	This law adds language declaring that if an adoption violates fundamental principles of human rights or the public policy of the state or federal government, it will not be recognized as a valid and legal adoption in the State of Oregon. The law also includes the requirements to demonstrate that a foreign readoption is legal and valid.	Miscellaneous
OR H 2177	Department of Transportation	03/16/2015 - Enacted	This law requires the Department of Transportation to provide the Secretary of State electronic records with the legal name, age, residence and citizenship information and electronic signature of each person who may qualify as a voter.	Voting
PA HR 314	Commemorating	05/06/2015 - Enacted	This resolution commemorates the 100th anniversary of the establishment of Philadelphia's South 9th Street Italian Market, and recognizes the landmark market for preserving the history of a diverse neighborhood of immigrants over the past 100 years while maintaining the social and economic development of the City of Philadelphia.	Resolutions
PA HR 175	Commemorates	04/21/2015 - Enacted	This resolution commemorates the 175th anniversary of the establishment of the Borough of Zelienople. The 10,000-acre tract in western Pennsylvania on which the borough now stands was acquired in the early 19th century by Baron Detmar Basse from Germany.	Resolutions
PA HR 406	Commemorating the 175th Anniversary	06/24/2015 - Enacted	This resolution commemorates the 175th anniversary of the incorporation of the Borough of Monaca, Beaver County. The Borough of Monaca, Beaver County's inception has Native American and Polish ties.	Resolutions
PA HR 144	St Josephs Day	03/04/2015 - Enacted	This resolution designates March 19, 2015, as "St. Joseph's Day" in Pennsylvania and recognizes the waves of Polish and Italian immigrants from the 1890s to the 1930s who built their own churches, importing priests from	Resolutions



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			Poland and Italy, and created schools that preserved their heritage.	
PA HR 47	Irish American Heritage Month	02/04/2015 - Enacted	This resolution designates March 2015 as "Irish American Heritage Month" in Pennsylvania.	Resolutions
PA SR 50	Irish American Heritage Month	03/04/2015 - Enacted	This resolution designates the month of March 2015 as "Irish American Heritage Month."	Resolutions
PA HR 278	Asian Pacific American Heritage Month	05/05/2015 - Enacted	This resolution designates the month of May 2015 as "Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month" in Pennsylvania and encourages participation in national, State and local observances celebrating the contributions of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders to the United States.	Resolutions
PA SR 33	St Davids Day	02/25/2015 - Enacted	This resolution observes March 1, 2015, as "St. David's Day" in Pennsylvania and honors the many Pennsylvanians of Welsh heritage.	Resolutions
PA HR 282	Pretzel Day	04/21/2015 - Enacted	This resolution recognizes April 26, 2015, as "Pretzel Day" in Pennsylvania. The tradition of pretzel baking was brought to Pennsylvania by German-speaking immigrants.	Resolutions
PR H 1657	Human Trafficking Victim Act	02/06/2015 - Enacted	This law creates the Care Act for immigrant victims of human trafficking in order to help these victims regulate immigration status. It orders the Office for Assistance to Victims and Witnesses of Crime Department to coordinate the processing of referrals for victims of human trafficking and supplying information about the visa application. It orders the Puerto Rico Police to refer cases in alleged human trafficking to the Office for Assistance to Victims and Witnesses of Crime Department of Justice.	HumanTrafficking

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PR S 1243	Financial Access to All	02/26/2015 - Enacted	The Law of Financial Access for All aims to help create personal assets, credit history, savings culture, break the cycle of poverty, and establish personal security measures to benefit the people generally through access to financial products and services, regardless of the immigration status of the client.	Public Benefits
PR SR 1081	Immigrant Health Service Study	03/09/2015 - Enacted	This resolution directs the Senate Committee on Health and Nutrition to conduct an investigation into the accessibility of health services available to the immigrant community residing in Puerto Rico, irrespective of the immigration status of the person, analyzes the extension of health services to the immigrant population in the island, determines the characteristics and needs faced by immigrants in Puerto Rico by the lack of access to health services because of their immigration status.	Resolutions
PR SR 1118	Immigrant Women Forum	03/19/2015 - Enacted	This resolution directs the Senate Committee on Women's Affairs to conduct a forum for immigrant women in Puerto Rico, analyzes the extent of services available to immigrant women and learn about the needs of this population.	Resolutions
PR SR 1080	Police and Immigration Intervention Study	03/09/2015 - Enacted	This resolution directs the Senate Committees on the Judiciary, Security and Veterans and Civil Rights, Citizenship and Social Economy to conduct a thorough investigation on the procedures and protocols used by the Police of Puerto Rico and Municipal Police intervene when immigrant community residing in Puerto Rico without regard to the immigration status of immigrants.	Resolutions

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RI S 234	Oriental Medicine	06/26/2015 - Enacted	Defines "Oriental medicine" and provides special licensure for certain practitioners of Oriental medicine. Upon application to the department prior to July 1, 1980, any person who has been an instructor in the art of acupuncture and Oriental medicine at a domestic or foreign college or university satisfactory to the department for a period of two (2) years and who has had at least ten (10) years experience, shall be granted a license by the department as a doctor of acupuncture and Oriental medicine without the necessity of taking an examination.	Health
RI S 97	Human Services	06/23/2015 - Enacted	This law finds that all homeless persons have the right to homeless shelter services regardless of political or religious beliefs, immigration status, former geographic location of residence, ethno- cultural background, disability, gender identity, criminal background, and/or sexual orientation. Homeless shelters should be sensitive to the ethno-specific and linguistic needs of residents. The law creates a committee to establish regulations for homeless shelters.	Public Benefits
RI S 687	Commemorative Resolution	03/18/2015 - Enacted	This resolution commemorates St. Patrick's Day in Rhode Island and recognizes the Irish immigrants in the state who helped form the cultural foundation of the state.	Resolutions
RI S 688	Commemorative Resolution	03/18/2015 - Enacted	This resolution commemorates the celebration of St. Joseph's Day in Rhode Island and recognizes the Italian immigrants who helped form the cultural foundation of the state.	Resolutions
RI H 6295	John S Mellekas	06/09/2015 - Enacted	This resolution expresses sympathy for the passing of John S. Mellekas. Mellekas was the son of Greek immigrants and went on to have a successful career in the NFL and later became a Physical Education Teacher with the Newport School Department, retiring in 1996.	Resolutions

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RI S 983	John S Mellekas	06/10/2015 - Enacted	This resolution expresses sympathy for the passing of John S. Mellekas. Mellekas was the son of Greek immigrants and went on to have a successful career in the NFL and later became a Physical Education Teacher with the Newport School Department, retiring in 1996.	Resolutions
RI S 776	Honoring Resolution	03/31/2015 - Enacted	This resolution honors Cesar Chavez (1927-1993) and celebrates March 31st as "Cesar Chavez Day" in the State of Rhode Island.	Resolutions
RI H 5039	Condolences	01/08/2015 - Enacted	This resolution honors Frederico "Fred" M. Pacheco, who passed away on December 23, 2014. He was highly respected as a Bristol community leader, especially for his work surrounding the Portuguese immigrant community.	Resolutions
RI S 967	Reverend Raymond Banigan Malm	06/04/2015 - Enacted	This resolution honors Reverend Raymond Banigan Malm on his four decades career in the Holy Priesthood. On June 30th of 2015, he will step down as Pastor of Saint Joseph's, but will continue his work in nonviolence, AIDS care, and immigration.	Resolutions
RI H 5741	Commemorative Resolution	02/26/2015 - Enacted	This resolution recognizes that on February 27, the people of the Dominican Republic and all free people, will celebrate 171 years of Dominican Independence. Although Rhode Island's Dominicans number among the state's smaller ethnic groups, the community imparts a rich history and vitality through their presence in the state.	Resolutions
RI S 454	Commemorative Resolution	02/26/2015 - Enacted	This resolution recognizes that on February 27, the people of the Dominican Republic and all free people, will celebrate 171 years of Dominican Independence. Although Rhode Island's Dominicans number among the state's smaller ethnic groups, the community imparts a rich history and vitality through their presence in the state.	Resolutions

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RI H 6230	Honorable Orlando Jose Cogollo Torres	05/21/2015 - Enacted	This resolution recognizes the Honorable Orlando Jose Cogollo Torres, Mayor of the Municipality of Arjona, Colombia, and his delegation for coming to Rhode Island to build and strengthen ties with the City of Pawtucket and the state. With more than 8,000 residents, Colombian descendants and immigrants have prospered and added to the vibrancy of the state.	Resolutions
RI H 5148	Condolences	01/20/2015 - Enacted	This resolution recognizes the passing of Sister Ann C. Keefe, of the Sisters of St. Joseph, a dedicated and beloved community activist who advocated for peace, civil rights, immigrants, workers' rights and equality.	Resolutions
RI S 77	Condolence Resolution	01/21/2015 - Enacted	This resolution recognizes the passing of Sister Ann C. Keefe, of the Sisters of St. Joseph, a dedicated and beloved community activist who advocated for peace, civil rights, immigrants, workers' rights and equality.	Resolutions
RI S 996	Immigrant Heritage Month	06/16/2015 - Enacted	This resolution requests Governor Gina Raimondo to declare the month of June as Immigrant Heritage Month in the state of Rhode Island.	Resolutions
SC S 437	United States Citizenship Civics Test Requirement	06/03/2015 - Enacted	This law enacts the "James B. Edwards Civics Education Initiative" to require all students of public or charter schools or persons pursuing a general educational development certificate in South Carolina to take the citizenship civics test produced by the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services. Although students are not required to achieve a minimum score, the law directs school districts to award a certificate of achievement to students who receive a passing grade.	Education
SC S 411	Italian American Heritage	03/27/2015 - Enacted	This law designates every October as Italian American heritage month in South Carolina.	Miscellaneous

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SC H 3961	Resettlement of Refugees	04/21/2015 - Enacted	This memorial requests the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to provide information regarding the resettlement of refugees in Spartanburg, South Carolina to ensure accountability and transparency of the expenditure of public funds and other costs of providing government services.	Resolutions
SC H 3828	Commendatory Resolution	03/17/2015 - Enacted	This resolution commends Mr. Hsien C. "Sam" Wang's contributions to the understanding and friendship between South Carolina and the Republic of China (Taiwan). Mr. Hsien C. "Sam" Wang was a Taiwanese native who immigrated to the United States in 1982 and moved to Rock Hill, South Carolina where he established his restaurant business, the Szechuan Chinese Restaurant, between 1992 and 1997.	Resolutions
SC H 3980	Resettlement of Refugees	04/29/2015 - Enacted	This resolution memorializes the South Carolina Department of Social Services to provide information regarding the resettlement of refugees in Spartanburg, South Carolina to ensure accountability and transparency of the expenditure of public funds and other costs of providing government services.	Resolutions
SD H 1045	Dentistry	02/06/2015 - Enacted	Any foreign-trained or any other graduate from a dental program or dental hygiene program not accredited by the American Dental Association Commission on Dental Accreditation may apply for a license to practice as a dentist or dental hygienist. The board, by rule promulgated pursuant to chapter 1-26, shall establish requirements to reasonably ensure that an applicant's training and education are sufficient for licensure.	Health
SD S 63	Interstate Medical Licensure Compact	03/11/2015 - Enacted	Interstate Medical Licensure Compact	Health
SD SC 1	Celebratory Resolution	01/27/2015 - Enacted	This resolution celebrates and honors Tabor's Annual Czech Days festivities on the occasion of its sixty-seventh	Resolutions

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			anniversary on June 18, 19, and 20, 2015.	
SD SCR 8	Condemning Resolution	03/03/2015 - Enacted	This resolution condemns the growing anti-Semitism in certain countries and extends an invitation to Jewish families from around the world to South Dakota.	Resolutions
TN H 10	Civics Education and Examination	05/20/2015 - Enacted	This law requires high school students, except those in programs where such testing has been determined inappropriate, to take a U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services test.	Education
TN H 670	Non Immigrant Student Enrollment	04/24/2015 - Enacted	This law requires institutions that accept nonimmigrant students possessing an F-1 or M-1 student visa for instruction to report non-immigrant student enrollment at the beginning and end of each period of study to the Department of Safety.	Education
TN H 275	Prosecution of Human Trafficking Cases	05/20/2015 - Enacted	This law provides for the Tennessee bureau of investigation to implement a course or courses of instruction for the training of law enforcement officers and other government officials who are directly involved with human trafficking, including the availability of civil and immigration remedies and community resources.	HumanTrafficking
TN S 185	Local Beer Permits	03/27/2015 - Enacted	This law provides that a city or county shall not issue a beer permit unless the applicant has been a citizen or lawful resident of the U.S. for not less than one (1) year immediately preceding the date of application.	ID/Drivers License
TN S 1012	Law Enforcement	05/20/2015 - Enacted	This law permits any permanent legal resident of the U.S. who is an honorably discharged veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces to be employed as a police officer, provided that the officer applies for or obtains U.S. citizenship within six years of the employment start date.	Law Enforcement

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TN HR 100	Recognition Resolution	04/21/2015 - Enacted	This resolution commemorates the Armenian Genocide Centennial. On April 24, 2015, Armenians and non-Armenians in Tennessee will observe the 100th anniversary of the Armenian Genocide by holding a solemn commemoration for the more than 1.5 million Armenians who suffered and died.	Resolutions
TN SJR 212	Achievement Resolution	04/02/2015 - Enacted	This resolution honors and commends Daniel Horwitz, 2015 class of Nashville's Top 30 Under 30. The thrust of his professional endeavors and community involvement activities center around his drive to promote comprehensive criminal justice reform in society and to advocate for solutions to issues affecting women, veterans, workers, immigrants, and the lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender community.	Resolutions
TN SJR 51	Retirement Resolution	02/13/2015 - Enacted	This resolution honors and recognizes Reverend Joseph Patrick Breen of Nashville on his retirement. During his tenure at St. Edward, Father Breen helped launch Our Lady of Guadalupe, a Spanish-speaking parish that started as a St. Edward mission and became independent in 2007. Reverend Breen spoke out on numerous social issues, such as immigration reform.	Resolutions
TN SJR 55	Memorial Resolution	02/13/2015 - Enacted	This resolution honors the memory of John Lawrence Seigenthaler of Nashville. As editor of "The Tennessean," he fought for open government records and meetings, assigned reporters to probe the conditions of the Central State mental health hospital, city workhouses, nursing homes, and migrant worker camps, and assigned a reporter to eighteen months of undercover work in the Ku Klux Klan.	Resolutions
TN HJR 260	Retirement Resolution	04/16/2015 - Enacted	This resolution recognizes Chaplain (COL-R) Alvin E. Miller Sr. of the United States Army on the occasion of his retirement. A native of Fort Pierce, Florida, Alvin Miller was the second oldest of ten children born to Ms.	Resolutions



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			Elizabeth Miller, an unwed migrant worker. Chaplain Miller Sr. went on to lead a career full of accomplishments.	
TN HJR 426	Retirement Resolution	04/27/2015 - Enacted	This resolution recognizes Dr. Jesse Register, Director of Schools for Metropolitan Nashville Public Schools, on the occasion of his retirement. In 2009, Dr. Jesse Register assumed the position of Director of Schools for Metropolitan Nashville Public Schools, a diverse urban district serving students from 140 nations who speak almost as many languages.	Resolutions
TN SJR 387	Recognition Resolution	05/01/2015 - Enacted	This resolution recognizes United States Senator Bob Corker on being named one of Time magazine's 2015 100 Most Influential People in the World. Senator Corker has lent his valuable expertise and leadership to a number of national concerns, including those of debt, financial regulation, immigration, and foreign relations and policy.	Resolutions
TX H 1	General Appropriations Bill	06/20/2015 - Line Item Vetoed	This law provides for seven universities in northern Texas to receive \$150,000 each for certifying teachers in bilingual education and English as a Second Language in the 2016-17 biennium.	Budgets
TX S 374	State Agencies Participation in E-verify Requirement	06/10/2015 - Enacted	This law requires state agencies to register and participate in the E-verify program, to verify information of all new employees, and requires the Texas Workforce Commission to adopt and prescribe forms to implement these rules, effective September 1, 2015.	Employment
TX S 1453	Emergency Medical Services District	06/18/2015 - Enacted	This law provides that the governing body of a municipality may propose the creation of a fire control, prevention, and emergency medical services district if the municipality is located in the extraterritorial jurisdiction of another municipality that has a population of 200,000 or more, both of which are located in a county with a population of	Health

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			less than 300,000 that is located on the international border.	
TX H 188	Human Trafficking Prevention Task Force	05/28/2015 - Enacted	This law extends the Human Trafficking Prevention Task Force, which develops recommendations for addressing the demand for forced labor or services or sexual conduct involving victims of human trafficking. The task force collaborates, as needed, with special agents or customs and border protection officers and border patrol agents of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, among other agencies.	HumanTrafficking
TX S 1853	Program for Detection of Certain Criminal Offenses	06/19/2015 - Enacted	This law relates to authorizing the Department of Public Safety of the state to establish a statewide program for the prevention and detection of the unlawful possession and imminent movement or transfer between Texas and an adjacent state or the United Mexican States of firearms, controlled substances, or currency, or the commission or imminent commission of the offenses of smuggling or trafficking of persons. This law also provides for certain related peace officer standards.	HumanTrafficking
TX H 2481	Licensing and Regulation of Auctioneers	06/17/2015 - Enacted	This law specifies that an individual is eligible for an associate auctioneer license if they are a U.S. citizen or a legal alien and employed under the direct supervision of a licensed auctioneer.	ID/Drivers License
TX H 12	Border Crime Prosecution Unit	06/09/2015 - Enacted	The governor shall establish the border prosecution unit within the criminal justice division to cooperate with and support members of the unit in prosecuting border crime, or crimes involving transnational criminal activity committed by persons who are not citizens or nationals, not lawfully	Law Enforcement

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			present in the United States and coordinated with crimes committed in the Mexican United States.	
TX H 511	Offenses Committed Against a Person in Custody	05/29/2015 - Enacted	This law adds any place or facility designated for the detention of a person suspected of violating a provision of the Immigration and Nationality Act to the definition of "correctional facility."	Law Enforcement
TX H 11	Department of Public Safety	06/09/2015 - Enacted	This law creates the Transnational and Organized Crime Division, provides for department assistance at international border checkpoints to prevent the unlawful transfer of contraband or other unlawful activity, and creates the Texas Transnational Intelligence Center to address transnational criminal activity, including smuggling of persons, along the Texas-Mexico border and throughout the rest of the state. This law makes it an offense to encourage or induce an individual to enter or remain in the United States in violation of federal law by concealing, harboring or shielding that person from detection.	Law Enforcement
TX H 716	Peace Officers and Commercial Motor Safety Enforcement	06/01/2015 - Enacted	This law relates to the certification of peace officers in municipalities located in a county with a population between 60,000 and 66,000, adjacent to a bay connected to the Gulf of Mexico to a bay connected to the Gulf of Mexico to enforce commercial motor vehicle safety standards.	Law Enforcement
TX H 229	Department of Public Safeties Surplus Equipment	06/17/2015 - Enacted	This law relates to the disposition of surplus motor vehicles and other law enforcement equipment by the Texas Facilities Commission if the commission determines that efforts to secure the international border and combat transnational crime will sufficiently benefit from the donation of the surplus motor vehicles and other law enforcement equipment to a municipal	Law Enforcement

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			or county law enforcement agency in an economically disadvantaged area of this state.	
TX H 2747	Petit Juror Qualifications	06/16/2015 - Enacted	This law requires a person to be a U.S. citizen to serve as a petit juror.	Law Enforcement
TX H 2035	Alcohol-related Businesses Regulation	06/16/2015 - Enacted	This law amends the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Code to include the governmental entity's authority to regulate an establishment that derives 50 percent or more of its gross revenue from the on-premise sale of alcoholic beverages, and is located in a municipality or county, any portion of which is located not more than 50 miles from an international border.	Miscellaneous
TX H 431	Advisory Committee for Juvenile Records	05/28/2015 - Enacted	This law creates an advisory committee to examine and recommend revisions to any state laws pertaining to juvenile records. The committee will include 12 individuals with expertise in federal records and federal immigration policy.	Miscellaneous
TX S 459	Advisory Council on Hispanic Affairs	06/18/2015 - Enacted	This law establishes the Advisory Council on Cultural Affairs in the Office of the Governor to advise the office on setting policy priorities addressing and raising public awareness of major issues affecting this state due to the rapid growth of the state's Hispanic population, and other issues resulting from changes in demographics in the state.	Miscellaneous
TX S 1928	Federal Refugee Resettlement Program	06/19/2015 - Enacted	This law requires the executive commissioner to adopt rules ensuring that local government and community input is included in any federal refugee program's placement report. It requires meetings to be held in the communities proposed for refugee placement, with representatives, local governmental entities and officials, and stakeholders in attendance. Resettlement agencies shall consider feedback from these	Miscellaneous

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			meetings prior to their annual reports, which shall include specified information, including the number of refugees placed in the state.	
TX HR 66	Commemorative Resolution	02/19/2015 - Enacted	A resolution recognizes that April 9, 2016 will mark the 10th anniversary of the Dallas Mega March for American Values and Justice. The largest public protest in the city's history, the Mega March drew between 350,000 and 500,000 participants who joined together in support of immigration reform.	Resolutions
TX HR 2940	Congratulatory Resolution	05/19/2015 - Enacted	Social and political activist Maria Berriozabal is being recognized for her notable accomplishments by the Westside Development Corporation at the organization's 2015 Westside Honors Exitos en Nuestro Barrio Gala. Berriozabal is the daughter of immigrant parents and she became the first Mexican-American woman elected to the city council in 1981.	Resolutions
TX HR 567	Recognition Resolution	03/05/2015 - Enacted	This act recognizes May 9, 2015, as John O. Meusebach Day at the State Capitol.	Resolutions
TX SR 718	Recognition Resolution	05/06/2015 - Enacted	This recognizes Friedens Church of Washington, United Church of Christ, on its 125th anniversary. Early in its history, the church played a vital role in helping German immigrants and settlers become acclimated to their new state and country.	Resolutions
TX SR 128	Celebratory Resolution	02/09/2015 - Enacted	This resolution celebrates February 15 through 21, 2015, as National League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC) Week. Founded February 17, 1929, LULAC is the nation's oldest and largest Hispanic civil rights and service organization.	Resolutions
TX HR 820	Commemorative Resolution	03/12/2015 - Enacted	This resolution commemorates St. Patrick's Day and honors the	Resolutions

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			contributions that individuals of Irish descent have made to the state.	
TX HR 2242	Commemorative Resolution	05/21/2015 - Enacted	This resolution commemorates the 40th anniversary of the end of the war in Vietnam and recognizes Vietnamese immigrants and their contributions to the country and to Texas.	Resolutions
TX HR 147	Commemorative Resolution	02/19/2015 - Enacted	This resolution commemorates the eighth anniversary of the Baptist Immigration Center of Plano.	Resolutions
TX HR 2440	Commemorative Resolution	05/21/2015 - Enacted	This resolution commemorates the Houston African Arts Festival and honors Houston African Community International USA for their efforts to assist African immigrants.	Resolutions
TX HR 3248	Commendatory Resolution	05/30/2015 - Enacted	This resolution commends Daniela Urias for her service as an aide in the district office of State Representative Joe Moody during the 84th Legislative Session. Her duties included serving as a constituent liaison and contributing to immigration-related issues.	Resolutions
TX HR 3310	Commendatory Resolution	05/30/2015 - Enacted	This resolution commends Darrell Williams II on his graduation from the Thurgood Marshall School of Law at State Southern University. Williams II is an active member of the Hispanic Law Student Association and he pursued his interest in immigration law while studying at the University of Puerto Rico in 2013.	Resolutions
TX HR 2029	Commendatory Resolution	05/06/2015 - Enacted	This resolution commends Jim Griffith of Waco, who has devoted much of his life to public service and to advocacy. His work has focused on issues like poverty and vocational education, and he served as the assistant director and director of operations for the War on Poverty and the director of Indian and migrant programs in Washington, D.C.	Resolutions
TX HR 3244	Commendatory Resolution	05/30/2015 - Enacted	This resolution commends legislative intern Ashley Alcantara for her service in the office of State Representative Eddie Rodriguez during the 84th Legislative Session. Alcantara also served as a legal intern at the	Resolutions

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			University of Houston's Immigration Clinic.	
TX SR 366	Commendatory Resolution	03/24/2015 - Enacted	This resolution commends Sister Norma Pimentel and the staff of Catholic Charities of the Rio Grande Valley for their leadership and aid during the 2014 humanitarian crisis along the border between Texas and Mexico and for assisting immigrants.	Resolutions
TX HR 3420	Tribute Resolution	05/30/2015 - Enacted	This resolution commends the Center for Mexican American Studies at The University of Texas at Austin, which is hosting El Mundo Zurdo 2015, a conference honoring the legacy of internationally recognized Chicana author, feminist, and cultural theorist Gloria Anzaldua, from May 27-30, 2015.	Resolutions
TX HR 2185	Honorary Resolution	06/01/2015 - Enacted	This resolution commends the Honorable Veronica Escobar for her service to El Paso County as county judge for four years. She has focused on border issues and immigration, and she received the Human Rights Safe Communities Award from the Border Network for Human Rights.	Resolutions
TX HR 3295	Congratulatory Resolution	05/30/2015 - Enacted	This resolution congratulates Angel Salazar on his graduation from Pasadena Early College High School on June 4, 2015. When he was seven months old, Salazar immigrated to the United States with his family from Monterrey, Mexico. His interest in working for NASA has inspired him to pursue a major in mechanical engineering.	Resolutions
TX HR 1918	Congratulatory Resolution	05/07/2015 - Enacted	This resolution congratulates Sarah R. Saldana on her confirmation as assistant secretary in charge of Immigration and Customs Enforcement at the Department of Homeland Security.	Resolutions

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TX HR 1605	Commitment to Elimination of Illegal Fishing	05/21/2015 - Enacted	This resolution expresses a commitment to the elimination of illegal fishing and urges Congress to take action to end illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing in sovereign waters. It adds that vessels involved with illegal fishing are also associated with other crimes, including drug trafficking, human trafficking, and illegal immigration.	Resolutions
TX HR 1454	Honorary Resolution	05/31/2015 - Enacted	This resolution honors Dr. Kathleen Staudt for her service to The University of Texas at El Paso, where she has been a member of the faculty since 1977. During her nearly four decades at the school, she has taught and researched a wide range of subjects, including immigration, borders, public policy, and women and politics.	Resolutions
TX HR 785	Honorary Resolution	03/12/2015 - Enacted	This resolution honors Frances Rocha for her years of service to the Edcouch-Elsa Independent School District. As the daughter of migrant workers, she understood firsthand the challenges that children in migrant families face.	Resolutions
TX HR 1310	Memorial Resolution	04/09/2015 - Enacted	This resolution honors Frank Steve Manitzas of San Antonio, who died on July 18, 2014, at the age of 80. The son of Greek immigrants, Frank Manitzas was born in San Angelo on May 12, 1934. He served in the U.S. Army and had a successful career in law.	Resolutions
TX HR 2311	Memorial Resolution	05/21/2015 - Enacted	This resolution honors Jalil Hanna Foty of Missouri City, who passed away on June 15, 2014, at the age of 79 and was an immigrant from Ramallah, Palestine.	Resolutions
TX HR 897	Honorary Resolution	04/16/2015 - Enacted	This resolution honors La Union del Pueblo Entero (LUPE) for its service in the Rio Grande Valley and for the work it has done on behalf of colonia residents.	Resolutions
TX HR 3225	Honorary Resolution	05/30/2015 - Enacted	This resolution honors Rick Diaz, anchor and former news director of KRGV-TV news in Weslaco, for his leadership and achievements. Diaz is the son of migrant workers.	Resolutions



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TX HR 244	Honorary Resolution	05/21/2015 - Enacted	This resolution honors the individuals who are providing humanitarian assistance to immigrants in McAllen.	Resolutions
TX HR 156	Honorary Resolution	02/19/2015 - Enacted	This resolution honors the life of Cesar Chavez and commemorates the 88th anniversary of his birth on March 31, 2015.	Resolutions
TX HR 157	Honorary Resolution	02/19/2015 - Enacted	This resolution honors the life of Cesar Chavez and commemorates the 89th anniversary of his birth on March 31, 2016.	Resolutions
TX HR 2020	Memorial Resolution	04/28/2015 - Enacted	This resolution memorializes Border Patrol Agent Tyler R. Robledo of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Customs and Border Protection.	Resolutions
TX HR 3353	Memorial Resolution	05/29/2015 - Enacted	This resolution memorializes Edward M. Nelson Jr. and Dorothy Louise Nelson of Austin. Mrs. Nelson made beautiful quilts for the homeless and for immigrant families through Refugee Services of Texas.	Resolutions
TX SR 1012	Memorial Resolution	05/26/2015 - Enacted	This resolution memorializes Edward M. Nelson Jr. and Dorothy Louise Nelson, noting their service work. Mrs. Nelson made beautiful quilts for the homeless and for immigrant families through Refugee Services of Texas.	Resolutions
TX SR 591	Memorial Resolution	04/20/2015 - Enacted	This resolution memorializes Eustolio Gonzales. Mr. Gonzales taught in the Raymondville Independent School District for 20 years, 15 of which were dedicated to the Migrant Program. He shared his expertise on migrant education with school districts in Texas, Wisconsin, Illinois, and Indiana as a lecturer and a consultant.	Resolutions
TX SR 643	Memorial Resolution	04/28/2015 - Enacted	This resolution memorializes Nathan Charles Fritsch. During his 23 years of distinguished service with the Department of Homeland Security, he worked as a customs officer, a canine enforcement officer, and a special agent with Immigration and Customs Enforcement.	Resolutions

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TX HR 3379	Memorial Resolution	05/30/2015 - Enacted	This resolution memorializes Nelson Reyes Salinas, governmental affairs manager for the State Association of Business and former legislative staff member. Salinas worked for three years with the migrant program at McAllen Independent School District and was a strong advocate for quality education for all students in Texas.	Resolutions
TX HR 2762	Memorial Resolution	05/21/2015 - Enacted	This resolution memorializes Nelson Reyes Salinas, Governmental Affairs Manager for the Texas Association of Business, who passed away on April 29, 2015 at the age of 37. Salinas worked for three years with the migrant program at McAllen Independent School District and was a strong advocate for quality education for all students in Texas.	Resolutions
TX HCR 137	Memorial Resolution	06/18/2015 - Enacted	This resolution memorializes the Honorable Leo Berman of Tyler, who passed away on May 23, 2015, at the age of 79. Leo Berman was the son of immigrant parents from Poland and Latvia, and he had an outstanding 22-year career in the U.S. Army, followed by a successful career in public affairs.	Resolutions
TX SR 711	Recognition Resolution	05/06/2015 - Enacted	This resolution names May 2015 as Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month to recognize the contributions to this state and nation made by individuals of Asian and Pacific Islander descent.	Resolutions
TX SR 938	World Refugee Day	05/20/2015 - Enacted	This resolution observes World Refugee Day on June 20, 2015.	Resolutions
TX SR 1071	Recognition Resolution	06/01/2015 - Enacted	This resolution recognizes April 23, 2015, as Turkish-American Day in the state.	Resolutions
TX HR 1560	Recognition Resolution	04/08/2015 - Enacted	This resolution recognizes April 8, 2015, as Vietnamese American Day at the State Capitol.	Resolutions
TX SR 499	Recognition Resolution	04/08/2015 - Enacted	This resolution recognizes April 8, 2015, as Vietnamese American Day.	Resolutions
TX HR 1699	Recognition Resolution	03/31/2015 - Enacted	This resolution recognizes Austin County Day at the State Capitol on March 31, 2015 and celebrates the German, Czech, Mexican and African	Resolutions

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			American influences that have helped built the country's cultural identity.	
TX HR 788	Commendatory Resolution	03/12/2015 - Enacted	This resolution recognizes Catholic Charities of Dallas for their assistance to people of every race, religion and national origin for the past 75 years, noting their work with immigrants and refugees.	Resolutions
TX SR 940	Recognition Resolution	05/20/2015 - Enacted	This resolution recognizes Cecilia Phalen Abbott for her address at the Excellence in Education Scholarship Luncheon. The granddaughter of immigrants from Mexico, Cecilia Abbott is the first Hispanic woman in Texas history to occupy the Governor's Mansion.	Resolutions
TX HR 1880	Congratulatory Resolution	05/31/2015 - Enacted	This resolution recognizes Dr. Josiah Heyman for being appointed director of the University of Texas at El Paso Center for Inter-American and Border Studies, and commends him for his demonstrated passion for border and Latin American issues.	Resolutions
TX HR 2166	Congratulatory Resolution	05/21/2015 - Enacted	This resolution recognizes Dr. Richard D. Pineda, an associate professor in the Department of Communication at the University of Texas at El Paso and director of UTEP's Sam Donaldson Center for Communication Studies, who was presented with the 2014 Cordova-Puchot Scholar of the Year Award in 2014 by the Latina/o Communication Studies Division/La Raza Caucus. Dr. Pineda's recent research focuses on how immigration is represented in popular culture.	Resolutions
TX HR 617	Recognition Resolution	02/24/2015 - Enacted	This resolution recognizes February 24, 2015 as Viva San Antonio Day at the State Capitol. The history of San Antonio can be traced back to 1691, when a group of Spanish explorers and missionaries came upon a river and named it San Antonio, in honor of Saint Anthony, whose feast day was being celebrated.	Resolutions

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TX HR 648	Recognition Resolution	02/24/2015 - Enacted	This resolution recognizes February 24, 2015 as Washington County Day at the State Capitol. After Washington County was formed, the region attracted substantial immigration and developed quickly, included among the newcomers were Germans, Czechs, and Poles, who began arriving in the mid-19th century.	Resolutions
TX HR 146	Commendatory Resolution	02/19/2015 - Enacted	This resolution recognizes Gloria Granados for her exceptional service as chief executive officer of the Baptist Immigration Center of Plano.	Resolutions
TX HR 2928	Commemorative Resolution	05/20/2015 - Enacted	This resolution recognizes Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church for its 100 years of service. Established in South Dallas in 1915 by immigrants from Greece, Holy Trinity has since played a vital role in the community.	Resolutions
TX SR 975	Recognition Resolution	05/25/2015 - Enacted	This resolution recognizes Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church on its 100th anniversary. The church was established in South Dallas in 1915 by Greek immigrants.	Resolutions
TX HR 921	Recognition Resolution	03/18/2015 - Enacted	This resolution recognizes March 18, 2015 as Crystal City Day at the State Capitol and recognizes the city's history and heritage. During World War II, a camp was used to intern Japanese Americans and Axis nationals. Today, the majority Hispanic population has been increasing their representation in city government.	Resolutions
TX SR 244	Recognition Resolution	02/23/2015 - Enacted	This resolution recognizes March 3, 2015, as Wharton County Day. Wharton is known for its small-town way of life and its diverse cultural influences from immigrants of Czech, Danish, and Mexican ancestry.	Resolutions
TX SR 339	Recognition Resolution	03/09/2015 - Enacted	This resolution recognizes March 31, 2015, as Austin County Day at the State Capitol. During the 1800s, German and Czech immigrants began arriving in Austin County and the county's culture has been further enriched by African Americans and immigrants from	Resolutions

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			Mexico, the largest foreign-born group to settle there in the 20th century.	
TX SR 814	Recognition Resolution	05/14/2015 - Enacted	This resolution recognizes Maria Berriozabal for being honored at the Westside Honors Exitos en Nuestra Barrio Gala. The daughter of immigrant parents, she became the first Mexican-American woman elected to the city council in 1981, and over the course of her decade-long tenure, she was unafraid to stand alone on many issues.	Resolutions
TX HR 1895	Congratulatory Resolution	05/07/2015 - Enacted	This resolution recognizes Mary Elizabeth Cedillo-Pereira of Dallas for being honored with a 2015 Maura Women Helping Women Award at the Dallas Women's Foundation Leadership Forum and Awards Dinner on April 30, 2015, and commends her for her work in immigration law.	Resolutions
TX SR 748	Recognition Resolution	05/11/2015 - Enacted	This resolution recognizes Mary Mendoza for being named 2015 State Social Worker of the Year. Mary Mendoza grew up in a migrant family, and she has served as a migrant and parent specialist in the Weslaco Independent School District for 20 years.	Resolutions
TX HR 2027	Recognition Resolution	05/06/2015 - Enacted	This resolution recognizes May 2015 as Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month.	Resolutions
TX HR 2458	Recognition Resolution	05/05/2015 - Enacted	This resolution recognizes May 5, 2015 as Live Oak County Day at the State Capital and recognizes the Native American tribes, Spanish and Mexican colonists, and Irish immigrants that greatly influenced the development of the area and fostered the area's rich culture and diversity.	Resolutions
TX HR 566	Recognition Resolution	03/05/2015 - Enacted	This resolution recognizes May 9, 2015, as Meusebach-Comanche Peace Treaty Day at the State Capitol.	Resolutions

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TX SR 1024	Recognition Resolution	05/28/2015 - Enacted	This resolution recognizes Shanna Peeples for being named the 2015 National Teacher of the Year. Peeples is a teacher at Palo Duro High School in Amarillo, a city with a large refugee population, and many of her students possess limited English proficiency.	Resolutions
TX HR 2938	Tribute Resolution	05/19/2015 - Enacted	This resolution recognizes Sister Norma Gutierrez for being posthumously honored as an Unsung Hero by the Westside Development Corporation at the organization's 2015 Westside Honors Exitos en Nuestro Barrio Gala, taking place in San Antonio on May 21. Norma Gutierrez was born in Mercedes, and was one of 12 children of migrant farm workers.	Resolutions
TX HR 67	Commemorative Resolution	02/19/2015 - Enacted	This resolution recognizes that April 9, 2015 will mark the 9th anniversary of the Dallas Mega March for American Values and Justice. The largest public protest in the city's history, the Mega March drew between 350,000 and 500,000 participants who joined together in support of immigration reform.	Resolutions
TX SR 477	Recognition Resolution	03/31/2015 - Enacted	This resolution recognizes the 19th Annual Cesar Chavez March for Justice.	Resolutions
TX HR 366	Recognition Resolution	02/19/2015 - Enacted	This resolution recognizes the celebration of Hudspeth County Day at the State Capitol. Homesteaders began settling in the area in the early 20th century, and the county later served as a haven for refugees fleeing the upheaval caused during the Mexican Revolution.	Resolutions
TX HR 342	Recognition Resolution	02/12/2015 - Enacted	This resolution recognizes the celebration of Rowlett Day at the State Capitol on February 12, 2015. The area around present-day Rowlett was first settled in the 1840s by two immigration companies, the W. S. Peters Colony and the Charles Mercer Colony.	Resolutions
TX SR 371	Recognition Resolution	03/16/2015 - Enacted	This resolution recognizes the Cesar Chavez Memorial Alliance of South	Resolutions

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			State on the occasion of the 12th Annual Cesar Chavez March.	
TX HR 2359	Recognition Resolution	05/04/2015 - Enacted	This resolution recognizes the Chin Community Ministry for its contributions to Chin residents of Lewisville.	Resolutions
TX HR 1825	Congratulatory Resolution	05/07/2015 - Enacted	This resolution recognizes the City of Pflugerville, named for Henry Pfluger, a German immigrant who settled in the area with his family in 1853. The city is celebrating the 50th anniversary of its incorporation in 2015.	Resolutions
TX HR 1489	Commemorative Resolution	03/26/2015 - Enacted	This resolution recognizes the First Protestant Church of New Braunfels, where for 170 years, families have come together to celebrate their faith. This historic church was organized to serve Protestant worshipers among the German immigrants who settled New Braunfels under the auspices of the Adelsverein.	Resolutions
TX HR 813	Recognition Resolution	03/12/2015 - Enacted	This resolution recognizes the historic Aztec Theater in Eagle Pass for its long-standing contribution to that city's cultural heritage. Constructed in 1915 by Hungarian immigrant Sam Schwartz, the Aztec is considered the first documented theater in the Mayan Revival style, which embraced pre-Columbian decorative themes, it was designed by architect Leonard F. Seed, who also served as contractor.	Resolutions
TX HR 2953	Commemorative Resolution	05/22/2015 - Enacted	This resolution recognizes the members of Pinecrest Presbyterian Church in Houston's Fifth Ward, who are celebrating the 90th anniversary of their church's founding on June 14, 2015. It commends them on their programs that foster fellowship and offer help to those in need, including a refugee resettlement initiative.	Resolutions
TX HR 2145	Recognition Resolution	05/21/2015 - Enacted	This resolution recognizes the Members of the League of Women Voters of Corpus Christi, who are celebrating the 70th anniversary of the founding of their organization in 2015. Its members have raised awareness of	Resolutions

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			a wide range of issues of importance to area residents, including immigration.	
TX HR 154	Recognition Resolution	02/19/2015 - Enacted	This resolution recognizes the month beginning March 31, 2015, as Cesar Chavez Farmworker Appreciation Month.	Resolutions
TX HR 155	Recognition Resolution	02/19/2015 - Enacted	This resolution recognizes the month beginning March 31, 2016, as Cesar Chavez Farmworker Appreciation Month.	Resolutions
TX HR 379	Memorial Resolution	02/19/2015 - Enacted	This resolution recognizes the passing of Elvira Cisneros on November 22, 2014, at the age of 90. Born on July 11, 1924, in Puebla, Mexico, the former Elvira Munguia was the daughter of political activists Romulo and Carolina Munguia, her family immigrated to the United States when she was two years old, settling in San Antonio's Prospect Hill neighborhood. Through her public service work, Elvira Cisneros contributed to building a more inclusive, caring, and vibrant community.	Resolutions
TX SR 437	Recognition Resolution	03/25/2015 - Enacted	This resolution recognizes the renaming of a street in honor of labor and civil rights leader Jaime P. Martinez. A San Antonio native, Jaime Martinez was born in 1946 and raised by his grandparents, who were migrant workers from Mexico.	Resolutions
TX HR 2165	Commemorative Resolution	05/21/2015 - Enacted	This resolution recognizes the St. Anthony School in Robstown, which is commemorating the 100th anniversary of its founding with a celebration in 2016. Founded in 1916, the school initially served 20 students who were the children of Mexican migrant farm workers. Today it continues serving a predominately Hispanic student population.	Resolutions



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TX HR 2253	Recognition Resolution	05/21/2015 - Enacted	This resolution recognizes the vital role the Vahlenkamp farm has played in the state during its 111 years of continuous operation. The farm was established in 1904 in eastern Stonewall County, near Old Glory, by John Vahlenkamp, a German immigrant.	Resolutions
TX HR 96	Commemorative Resolution	02/19/2015 - Enacted	This resolution recognizes U.S. Army Master Sergeant Mike C. Pena of Newgulf, who gave his life to save his fellow soldiers during the Korean War, and his heroism was posthumously recognized with the bestowal of a Medal of Honor at a White House ceremony on March 18, 2014. Born on November 6, 1924, Mike Pena was the son of Mexican immigrants.	Resolutions
TX SR 235	Recognition Resolution	02/24/2015 - Enacted	This resolution recognizes Vietnamese Americans for their contributions to this state.	Resolutions
TX SR 105	Recognition Resolution	02/04/2015 - Enacted	This resolution recognizes Washington County Day on February 24, 2015. Washington County was formally created in 1836 and the region attracted substantial immigration and developed quickly, including Germans, Czechs, and Poles, who began arriving in the mid-19th century.	Resolutions
TX HR 543	Recognition Resolution	02/18/2015 - Enacted	This resolution recognizes West Day at the State Capitol on February 18, 2015 and the Czech immigrants who farmed the land, opened businesses, shared their European culture, and planted roots that are now indelibly woven into city's identity.	Resolutions
TX SCR 5	State Reimbursement for International Border Security	06/09/2015 - Enacted	This resolution urges Congress to reimburse the state for bearing the financial burden of the federal government's responsibility to secure the State-Mexico international border.	Resolutions
UT H 3	Current Fiscal Year Supplemental Appropriations	03/20/2015 - Enacted	This law appropriates \$2,188,600 for Refugee Assistance from the Department of Workforce Services - Operations and Policy budget for fiscal year 2016.	Budgets

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UT S 7	Social Services Base Budget	02/25/2015 - Enacted	This law appropriates \$8,132,900 for Refugee Assistance from the Department of Workforce Services - Operations and Policy budget for fiscal year 2016.	Budgets
UT S 8	State Agency Fees and Internal Service Fund Rates	03/27/2015 - Enacted	This law authorizes fees for occupational and professional licensing, including a \$200 Immigration Consultant initial registration fee, and \$200 for license renewal.	Budgets
UT S 60	American Civics Education Initiative	03/30/2015 - Enacted	This law amends the "American Civics Education Initiative," requiring all high school graduates to pass a civics test, to define "basic civics test" as a test that includes 50 of the 100 questions on the civics test form used by U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services to determine that an individual applying for U.S. citizenship meets the basic citizenship skills specified.	Education
UT S 253	Exceptions for Privately Funded Scholarships	03/30/2015 - Enacted	This law provides an exemption to verification of lawful presence for privately funded scholarships administered by colleges or universities, for graduates of Utah high schools.	Education
UT H 194	Occupational Therapy License Amendments	03/20/2015 - Enacted	This law authorizes the division to issue a license as an occupational therapist or as an occupational therapy assistant to an applicant who meets the requirements of receiving a license, and has been licensed in a state, district, or U.S. territory, or in a foreign country, where the education, experience, or examination requirements are not substantially equal to the requirements of this state, if the applicant passes an examination approved by the division in consultation with the board.	Health
UT S 131	Occupational Therapists Amendments	03/31/2015 - Enacted	This law authorizes the division to issue a license as an occupational therapist or as an occupational therapy assistant to an applicant who meets the requirements of receiving a license, and has been licensed in a state, district, or U.S. territory, or in a foreign	Health

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			country, where the education, experience, or examination requirements are not substantially equal to the requirements of this state, if the applicant passes an applicable examination.	
UT S 92	Dental Practice Act Amendments	03/30/2015 - Enacted	This law creates an exemption to licensure requirements for the practice of dentistry for certain faculty of accredited dental schools if the individual meets certain qualifications, including holding a license to practice dentistry in another jurisdiction, being permitted to the work in the United States under federal immigration law, and complying with other restrictions as outlined.	Health
UT H 252	Human Trafficking Amendments	03/25/2015 - Enacted	This law modifies the Utah Criminal Code regarding the kidnapping, trafficking, and smuggling of persons younger than 18 years of age. It provides that a person who is convicted of human trafficking of a child or commercial sexual activity with a child is guilty of a first degree felony, including a person who recruits, harbors, transports, or obtains a child for sexual exploitation or forced labor. These crimes also includes labor in industrial facilities, sweatshops, households, agricultural enterprises, or any workplace.	HumanTrafficking
UT S 184	Driving Privilege Card Application Amendments	03/30/2015 - Enacted	As part of the fingerprint and photograph submission required for driving privilege card applicants and cardholders, notification of any existing criminal history record or existing or new warrant information and any new criminal history record information entered in local, state, or federal databases shall be made to the federal Immigration and Customs Enforcement Agency of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.	ID/Drivers License

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UT S 108	Social Work Amendments	03/30/2015 - Enacted	This law amends language to allow graduates with a master's degree in a social work program accredited by the Canadian Association of Schools of Social Work to qualify for licensure or certification as a clinical social worker, certified social worker, and social service worker, and those holding a bachelor's degree in a social work program accredited by the Canadian Association of Schools of Social Work to qualify as a social worker intern.	ID/Drivers License
UT S 203	Immigration Consultants Amendments	03/26/2015 - Enacted	This law modifies the Immigration Consultants Registration Act, bonding requirements, exemptions from contract requirements, and disclosure requirements, addresses when a written contract may be cancelled by a client, and provides for investigatory powers in the division.	Law Enforcement
UT S 17	Employment Support Act Revisions	03/26/2015 - Enacted	This law adds language to specify that if barred from using federal funds under federal law, the department may provide cash assistance to a legal resident who is not a U.S. citizen, using funds appropriated from the General Fund.	Public Benefits

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VA H 1400	Budget Bill	03/26/2015 - Enacted	<p>The Financial Assistance to Community Human Services Organizations budget allocates \$433,750 the first year and \$433,750 to the Virginia Community Healthcare Association (VCHA). The contract with VCHA shall require that the association purchase pharmaceuticals and medically necessary pharmacy supplies, and to provide pharmacy services to low-income, uninsured patients of the Community and Migrant Health Centers throughout Virginia. An additional \$1,800,000 in fiscal year 2015 and \$2,800,000 in fiscal year 2016 shall be provided to the Virginia Community Healthcare Association to support community and migrant health center operating costs for services provided to uninsured clients. Also included in this budget law are provisions for the Department of Social Services to develop a multi-lingual outreach campaign to inform qualified aliens and their children, who are United States citizens, of their eligibility for the federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and ensure that they have access to benefits under SNAP. Additionally, \$1,000,000 in fiscal year 2015 and \$2,000,000 in fiscal year 2016 from the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) block grant shall be provided to contract with local Community Action Agencies to provide an array of services designed to meet the needs of low-income individuals and families, including the elderly and migrant workers. Services may include, but are not limited to, child care, community and economic development, education, employment, health and nutrition, housing, and transportation. This budget also includes appropriates for English as a Second Language in state schools, including \$49,367,794 in 2015 and \$50,817,295 in 2016. The budget also</p>	Budgets
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			includes provisions for a school, with a certain percentage of limited English proficiency students, to receive supplemental grants.	
VA H 2038	Commercial Motor Carriers Drivers License Laws	03/17/2015 - Enacted	A person domiciled in a foreign jurisdiction and meeting all the requirements may apply for a nondomiciled commercial learner's permit or nondomiciled commercial driver's license. They must provide an unexpired employment authorization document issued by the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services or an unexpired foreign passport accompanied by an approved Form I-94 documenting the applicant's most recent admittance into the United States. Those who hold one of these certifications must notify the Department if any adverse action is taken by any jurisdiction or	ID/Drivers License

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			governmental agency, foreign or domestic, against their driving privileges.	
VA S 1361	Alien Inmate Transfers	03/10/2015 - Enacted	This law authorizes the director, sheriff, or other official in charge of the facility in which an alien is incarcerated to, upon receipt of a detainer from U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, transfer custody of the alien to U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement no more than five days prior to the date that he would otherwise be released from custody. Upon transfer of custody, notwithstanding any other provision of law, the alien shall receive credit for the number of days remaining before he would otherwise have been released.	Law Enforcement
VA H 2043	Alien Inmate Transfers	03/16/2015 - Enacted	This law authorizes the director, sheriff, or other official in charge of the facility in which an alien is incarcerated to, upon receipt of a detainer from U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, transfer custody of the alien to U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement no more than five days prior to the date that he would otherwise be released from custody. Upon transfer of custody, notwithstanding any other provision of law, the alien shall receive credit for the number of days remaining before he would otherwise have been released.	Law Enforcement

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VA HR 215	Celebratory Resolution	01/30/2015 - Enacted	This resolution celebrates the life of Irving Althaus, a well-known businessman and a respected member of the Newport News community, who died on July 14, 2014. Althaus was native of Poland and endured several years in Nazi concentration camps during World War II. Later in life, he proudly participated in Holocaust survivor documentation projects to increase awareness and provide support to fellow survivors.	Resolutions
VA HR 204	Celebratory Resolution	01/23/2015 - Enacted	This resolution celebrates the life of Julie Fangming Ho Rao of McLean, an enthusiastic volunteer and an accomplished dietitian, who died on August 30, 2014. Julie Rao was a native of Chongqing, China, and immigrated to the United States with her family in the 1950s.	Resolutions
VA HR 315	Celebratory Resolution	02/27/2015 - Enacted	This resolution celebrates the life of Leonid Kotlyar, a courageous World War II veteran in the Newport News community, who died on October 20, 2014. A native of Haisyn, Ukraine, Leonid Kotlyar fought against the Nazis during World War II, and in 1941 became a prisoner of war and was eventually sent to a concentration camp. In 1991, Leonid Kotlyar immigrated to the United States and settled in Newport News, seeking new and better opportunities for his family.	Resolutions
VA HJR 870	Celebratory Resolution	02/25/2015 - Enacted	This resolution celebrates the life of the Reverend Richard B. Martin and his work, including efforts made with Virginians Organized for Interfaith Community Engagement to promote affordable housing and career opportunities for immigrants.	Resolutions
VA HJR 674	Immigration and Nationality Act of 1965	02/24/2015 - Enacted	This resolution commemorates the 50th anniversary of the signing of the Immigration and Nationality Act of 1965.	Resolutions
VA HJR 517	Commendatory Resolution	01/29/2015 - Enacted	This resolution commends Japanese American veterans of World War II.	Resolutions



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VA SJR 337	Commendatory Resolution	02/20/2015 - Enacted	This resolution commends Robert G. Templin for committing his life to improving the lives of Virginians through his efforts on workforce training, education, immigration policy, and economic development.	Resolutions
VA HJR 667	Commendatory Resolution	01/29/2015 - Enacted	This resolution commends Rosemary Tran Lauer of Vienna, who received a 2014 National Association of Realtors Good Neighbor Award for her work to support children and families in Northern Virginia. Trans Lauer and her two children are natives of Vietnam and came to the United States as refugees in April 1975.	Resolutions
VA HJR 877	Commendatory Resolution	02/25/2015 - Enacted	This resolution commends the Alexandria Sexual Assault Center the Center, which offers services for individuals of any age, race, ethnicity, immigration status, sexual orientation, gender identity, or physical ability who have been sexually assaulted, sexually harassed, or stalked. Confidential services are offered in English, Spanish and other languages.	Resolutions
VA HJR 663	Commendatory Resolution	01/29/2015 - Enacted	This resolution commends the Historic Triangle Community Services Center, which partnered with numerous organizations in 2014, including L&L Immigration Law.	Resolutions
VA SJR 306	Commendatory Resolution	02/06/2015 - Enacted	This resolution commends Virginia Organizing, a nonprofit grassroots organization with chapters throughout the Commonwealth, for 20 years of empowering and encouraging individuals to work together to strengthen their communities. Virginia Organizing does work pertaining to a number of social justice issues, including immigration, poverty, and anti-racism.	Resolutions
VT SJR 9	Encouragement Resolution	05/13/2015 - Enacted	This Joint Resolution encourages public high schools to explore recruiting and enrolling international students on F-1 student visas in order to promote tuition-based income, and expose F-1 students and public school K-12	Resolutions

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			Vermont students to enriched cross-cultural learning experiences.	
WA S 6052	Biennial Appropriations	06/30/2015 - Line Item Vetoed	This law appropriates \$2,366,000 from the 2016 general fund of the Department of Social and Health Services - Economic Services Program solely for employment services for refugees and immigrants, of which \$1,774,000 is provided for the department to pass through to statewide refugee and immigrant assistance organizations for limited English proficiency pathway services. Additionally, on December 1, 2015 and every year after, the department must submit a report to the legislature, including the sources of all funding for refugee and immigrant services, the amounts of money spent on related services, and the number of clients served and their outcomes.	Budgets
WA H 1127	Agricultural Labor Skills and Safety Program	04/23/2015 - Enacted	The department will create and administer the agricultural labor skills and safety grant program to provide training opportunities open to all Washington agricultural workers, including seasonal migrant workers who intend to return to Washington state to work in the state's agriculture.	Employment

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WA S 5606	Dental Professionals	04/25/2015 - Enacted	<p>The department shall issue an initial limited license without an examination to any applicant who, as determined by the secretary: holds a valid license in a Canadian province that allows a substantively equivalent scope of practice, is currently engaged in active practice in a Canadian province, files with the secretary documentation certifying that the applicant has graduated from an accredited dental hygiene school, has successfully completed the dental hygiene national board examination, and is licensed to practice in a Canadian province. Additionally, a person licensed in a Canadian province who can demonstrate substantively equivalent licensing standards in the administration of local anesthetic may receive a temporary endorsement to administer local anesthesia, and a person licensed in a Canadian province who can demonstrate substantively equivalent licensing standards in restorative procedures may receive a temporary endorsement for restorative procedures.</p>	Health
WA S 5631	Domestic Violence Victim Services	05/18/2015 - Enacted	<p>This amendment adds language to current law to declare that domestic violence assistance and advocacy may include accompaniment and advocacy through immigration systems. It also adds language stating that department shall consider the distribution of community-based domestic violence programs and emergency shelter programs based on geographic area, population density, and specific population needs, including the needs in rural and urban areas, the availability and existence of domestic violence outreach and prevention activities, and the need for culturally and linguistically appropriate services.</p>	Law Enforcement

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WA SR 8671	Celebratory Resolution	04/21/2015 - Enacted	This resolution celebrates the City of Kent's 125th anniversary and recognizes the hundreds of early immigrants who were attracted to the Valley to farm fruits and vegetables. Kent is now home to a culturally fluent population that collectively speaks 137 different languages.	Resolutions
WA SR 8644	Steps to Reduce Human Trafficking	03/19/2015 - Enacted	This resolution relates to human trafficking. The Washington State Senate supports increased education, stronger laws and law enforcement, and the promotion of justice to reduce the exploitation of all people, including women and children.	Resolutions
WI AR 6	Celebration Resolution	03/17/2015 - Enacted	This resolution celebrates Saint Patrick's Day on March 17, 2015 and recognizes Wisconsin residents of Irish descent and their contributions to the state.	Resolutions
WI SJR 9	Proclamation Resolution	05/13/2015 - Enacted	This resolution proclaims May 15-17, 2015, Syttende Mai Weekend. It recognizes Norwegian immigrants and their countless contributions to Wisconsin and the U.S.	Resolutions
WV H 2892	Legislative Rules Regarding Higher Education	03/25/2015 - Enacted	This law authorizes the Higher Education Policy Commission (Medical Student Loan Program) with an amendment that specifies that in order to be eligible for this loan, an applicant must be a U.S. citizen, or legal immigrant actively pursuing U.S. citizenship.	Education
WV H 2005	Alternative Programs for Certification of Teachers	04/02/2015 - Enacted	This law establishes that a certificate to teach may be granted only to a person who is a U.S. citizen and meets other qualifications. However, a permit to teach in the public schools of this state may be granted to a person who is an exchange teacher from a foreign country or an alien person who meets the requirements to teach.	Education

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WV HCR 50	Historic Dingess Tunnel	03/14/2015 - Enacted	This resolution concerns installing signs at the entrances of the Historic Dingess Tunnel to commemorate its 100 years of history. The Dingess Tunnel, constructed largely by immigrant workers that decided to stay in Mingo County upon its completion, allowed thousands of tons of coal to be mined, thus allowing the employment of thousands of hard-working coal miners.	Resolutions
WV SCR 35	Memorial Bridge	03/12/2015 - Enacted	This resolution requests the Division of Highways to rename a bridge, locally known as Gary Bridge, the "U.S. Army CPL Zane Joseph Gero and U.S. Marine Corps CPL John Anthony 'Tony' Gero Memorial Bridge." Gero was born January 26, 1911, in Thorpe, McDowell County, into a coal-mining family of immigrant ancestors. In a partly segregated community Gero was welcomed by all ethnic and racial groups. He spoke numerous languages and at times acted as an interpreter. He was mortally wounded in Vietnam.	Resolutions
WV SCR 25	Memorial Bridge	03/12/2015 - Enacted	This resolution requests the naming of a memorial bridge in Anmoore, Harrison County, heading south the "U.S. Army PFC Nick A.Cavallaro Memorial Bridge" and heading north the "U.S. Army SSG Benjamin T.Portaro Memorial Bridge." Nick Cavallaro and Benjamin Portaro were Italian immigrants, cousins and citizens of Anmoore, West Virginia, and fought for the United States in World War II.	Resolutions
WY H 214	Practice of Law	03/09/2015 - Enacted	This law removes language requiring an applicant to be a U.S. citizen to be admitted to the bar.	ID/Drivers License