

A Bill to Increase Funding to U.S Immigrant Detention Centers

SECTION 1. The United States Government shall allocate one billion dollars yearly to the U.S Department of Health and Human Services in order to improve conditions of immigrant detention centers

SECTION 2. All 200 Immigrant Detention Centers and jails within ICE's detention system shall be inspected by the Department of Homeland Security in accordance to ICE detention standards (PBNDS 2011)

- A) PBNDS 2011 outlines criteria detention centers must meet ensuring "a safe and secure detention environment for staff and detained noncitizens" including adequate medical and mental health services, necessary clothing and sanitary items, nutritionally balanced and safe meals, sanitary and safe housing, appropriate disability, an accessible grievance system and more

SECTION 3. Detention Centers failing to meet these standards shall be allocated funding by the Department of Health and Human Services in order to address criteria that isn't being met.

- A) The process of addressing failed criteria will be overseen by the Department of Homeland Security to ensure funding is used as intended.

SECTION 3. The Department of Homeland Security shall reevaluate flagged detention centers one year post funding allocation

SECTION 4. Detention centers shall be allocated funding to expand staff in order to decrease detention times.

SECTION 4. This legislation will take effect on FY 2025 (october 2024)

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