



HOUSE BILL 690: The Citizens Support Act.

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OVERVIEW: *House Bill 690 would require the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), the Department of Commerce, the Housing Finance Agency, and all local housing authorities to do the following:*

- *Cease providing State-funded benefits and publicly funded housing benefits to noncitizens residing in the United State without legal permission to the extent permitted by federal law.*
- *Develop a plan, to the extent permitted by federal law, to update and review eligibility criteria for all State-funded benefits and publicly funding housing benefits to ensure noncitizens residing the United States without legal permission are ineligible to receive those benefits.*
- *Report by January 15, 2026, on the steps taken to cease providing benefits and the details of the developed and implemented plan including all federal statutes or regulations prohibiting denial of benefits.*

The act also would require:

- *The governing bodies of the University of North Carolina System and the North Carolina Community College System, to the extent permitted by federal law, to adopt and implement a policy to verify that all applicants for enrollment are legally authorized to reside in the United States for determination of in-state tuition and financial aid by January 15, 2026.*
- *The Department of Commerce, Division of Employment Security, to the extent permitted by federal law, to adopt and implement a policy to verify that all applicants for unemployment benefits are legally authorized to reside in the United States prior to receiving the first payment of benefits by January 15, 2026.*

BILL ANALYSIS:

Sections 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, and 7 would require DHHS, the Department of Commerce, the Housing Finance Agency, and all local housing authorities to do the following:

- Cease providing State-funded benefits and publicly funded housing benefits to noncitizens residing in the United State without legal permission to the extent permitted by federal law.
- Develop a plan, to the extent permitted by federal law, to update and review eligibility criteria for all State-funded benefits and publicly funded housing benefits to ensure noncitizens residing the United States without legal permission are ineligible to receive those benefits.

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- Report by January 15, 2026, on the steps taken to cease providing benefits and the details of the developed and implemented plan including all federal statutes or regulations prohibiting denial of benefits.

Section 4 would define "State-funded benefits" to include various programs administered by DHHS or through a contract with DHHS. The term excludes benefits or services available under the listed programs that help eligible beneficiaries access food or meals.

Section 8 would define "publicly funded housing benefits" to include various programs or assistance administered by or through a contract with the Department of Commerce, the North Carolina Housing Agency, and any local housing authority.

Section 9 would require the governing bodies of the University of North Carolina System and the North Carolina Community College System, to the extent permitted by federal law, to adopt and implement a policy to verify that all applicants for enrollment are legally authorized to reside in the United States for determination of in-state tuition and financial aid by January 15, 2026.

Section 10 would require the Department of Commerce, Division of Employment Security, to the extent permitted by federal law, to adopt and implement a policy to verify that all applicants for unemployment benefits are legally authorized to reside in the United States prior to receiving the first unemployment benefit payment by January 15, 2026.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This act would become effective when it becomes law.

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