

Representative Karen W. Morgan proposes the following substitute bill:

1 **RECOVERY OF FEDERAL REIMBURSEMENT**
2 **FOR COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH ILLEGAL**
3 **IMMIGRANTS**

4 2007 GENERAL SESSION

5 STATE OF UTAH

6 **Chief Sponsor: Karen W. Morgan**

7 Senate Sponsor: Brent H. Goodfellow

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9 **LONG TITLE**

10 **General Description:**

11 This bill directs the attorney general to complete a study of all available remedies the
12 state may have in seeking reimbursement from the federal government for costs
13 incurred by the state resulting from illegal immigration.

14 **Highlighted Provisions:**

15 This bill:

16 ▶ directs the attorney general to complete a study of all available remedies to recover
17 any moneys owing from the federal government to the state for the reimbursement
18 of costs incurred by the state resulting from illegal immigration; and

19 ▶ directs the attorney general to file a written report with the governor, the president
20 of the Senate, the speaker of the House of Representatives, and the chairs of the
21 Executive Appropriations Committee that details the findings of the study.

22 **Monies Appropriated in this Bill:**

23 None

24 **Other Special Clauses:**

25 None



26 **Uncodified Material Affected:**
27 ENACTS UNCODIFIED MATERIAL



29 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

30 Section 1. **Study of available remedies for the recovery of federal reimbursement**
31 **for costs associated with illegal immigration -- Reported findings.**

32 (1) The Legislature finds that:

33 (a) the costs incurred by the state in addressing illegal immigration have increased in
34 recent years and are placing a financial burden on the state's budgetary and human resources;

35 (b) the areas in which these costs have been incurred have increased dramatically and
36 include identifying illegal immigrants, processing illegal immigrants through the criminal
37 justice system, incarcerating illegal immigrants, and providing education, medical assistance,
38 health care, and foster care for illegal immigrants;

39 (c) at the same time, federal funding to assist states in dealing with illegal immigration
40 has decreased, yet the federal government is asking state governments to do even more with
41 their own funds to enforce federal immigration laws and preserve homeland security, which are
42 essentially federal responsibilities; and

43 (d) the federal government is in arrears on its obligation to reimburse states for costs
44 incurred by the states resulting from illegal immigration.

45 (2) The attorney general shall conduct a study and review of all available state
46 remedies to recover any moneys owing from the federal government to the state for the
47 reimbursement of costs incurred by the state resulting from illegal immigration.

48 (3) On or before November 1, 2007, the attorney general shall file a written report with
49 the governor, the president of the Senate, the speaker of the House of Representatives, and the
50 chairs of the Executive Appropriations Committee that details the findings of the review and
51 study together with available remedies and recommendations as to how to best pursue a course
52 of recovery of unpaid reimbursable costs.