

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

4 2008 GENERAL SESSION

5 STATE OF UTAH

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

7 Senate Sponsor: Brent H. Goodfellow

9 **LONG TITLE**

10 **General Description:**

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

14 **Highlighted Provisions:**

15 This bill:

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

20 ▶ directs the Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel to file a written
21 report with the governor, the president of the Senate, the speaker of the House of
22 Representatives, and the chairs of the Executive Appropriations Committee that
23 details the findings of the study.

24 **Monies Appropriated in this Bill:**

25 None

26 **Other Special Clauses:**

27 None

28 **Uncodified Material Affected:**

29 ENACTS UNCODIFIED MATERIAL

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31 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*32 Section 1. **Study of available remedies for the recovery of federal reimbursement**
33 **for costs associated with illegal immigration -- Reported findings.**34 (1) The Legislature finds that:35 (a) the costs incurred by the state in addressing illegal immigration have increased in
36 recent years;37 (b) the areas in which these costs have been incurred include identifying illegal
38 immigrants, processing illegal immigrants through the criminal justice system, incarcerating
39 illegal immigrants, and providing education, medical assistance, health care, and foster care for
40 illegal immigrants;41 (c) federal funding to assist states in dealing with illegal immigration has decreased; and42 (d) the federal government is asking state governments to use more of their own funds
43 to enforce federal immigration laws and preserve homeland security, which are essentially
44 federal responsibilities.45 (2) The Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel shall conduct a study and
46 review of all available state remedies to recover any moneys owing from the federal government
47 to the state for the reimbursement of costs incurred by the state resulting from illegal
48 immigration.49 (3) On or before November 1, 2008, the Office of Legislative Research and General
50 Counsel shall file a written report with the governor, the president of the Senate, the speaker of
51 the House of Representatives, and the chairs of the Executive Appropriations Committee that
52 details the findings of the review and study together with available remedies and
53 recommendations as to how to best pursue a course of recovery of unpaid reimbursable costs
54 related to illegal immigration.