

## SB 529

### Georgia Security and Immigration Compliance Act

Verification of Residence – effective July 1, 2007 – Requires that entities verify U.S. residence for local, state or federal benefits administered by a state agency or political subdivision – where the individual requesting benefits is older than age 18.

- Exempts prenatal and emergency care (same as feds)
- All individuals receiving state benefits sign affidavit stating the individual is a U.S. citizen or a legal alien.

State Contracts – effective July 1, 2007 – Contractor and subcontractor must verify newly hired employees as lawful U. S. citizens.

Prohibits tax benefits as a business expense to employers hiring undocumented workers receiving over \$600 a year. Effective January 1, 2008.

Withholding tax required – six (6) percent state withholding tax for all non-resident aliens. Effective July 1, 2007

Provides for Law Enforcement Training concerning the enforcement of immigration laws. Effective July 1, 2007

Human Trafficking – Penalty 1-20 years; 10-20 years if the victim is under the age of 18. Effective July 1, 2007.

Legal Status Verification – felony or DUI

Must notify Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE)

Immigration Assistance Regulation – effective July 1, 2007

Limits what services a for-profit immigration assistance company can provide – criminalizes certain actions