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2025 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 15

BY SENATOR MORRIS

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Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

CRIME/PUNISHMENT. Prohibits any act intended to hinder, delay, prevent, or otherwise interfere with or thwart federal immigration enforcement efforts. (8/1/25)

AN ACT

2	To amend and reenact R.S. 14:134(A) and to enact R.S. 14:130.1(A)(6), relative to criminal
3	interference with federal immigration enforcement activities; to provide relative to
4	the crimes of obstruction of justice and malfeasance in office; to prohibit interference
5	by public and private actors with immigration enforcement; and to provide for
6	related matters.
7	Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
8	Section 1. R.S. 14:134(A) is hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 14:130.1(A)(6)
9	is hereby enacted to read as follows:
10	§130.1. Obstruction of justice
11	A. The crime of obstruction of justice is any of the following when
12	committed with the knowledge that such act has, reasonably may, or will affect an
13	actual or potential present, past, or future criminal proceeding as described in this
14	Section:
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16	(6) Committing any act intended to hinder, delay, prevent, or otherwise
17	interfere with or thwart federal immigration enforcement efforts.

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2	§134. Malfeasance in office
3	A. Malfeasance in office is committed when any public officer or public
4	employee shall does any of the following:
5	(1) Intentionally refuse refuses or fail fails to perform any duty lawfully
6	required of him, as such officer or employee; or .
7	(2) Intentionally perform performs any such duty in an unlawful manner; or
8	<u>.</u>
9	(3) Knowingly permit permits any other public officer or public employee,
10	under his authority, to intentionally refuse or fail to perform any duty lawfully
11	required of him, or to perform any such duty in an unlawful manner; or .
12	(4) Willfully and knowingly subject subjects any person to the deprivation
13	of any right, privilege, or immunity secured or protected by the United States
14	Constitution and laws, if serious bodily injury or death results.
15	(5) Takes any official action, fails to perform an official duty, or refuses
16	a lawful request for cooperation submitted by either United States Immigration
17	and Customs Enforcement, United States Customs and Border Protection, or
18	United States Citizenship and Immigration Services with the intent to hinder,
19	delay, prevent, or otherwise interfere, ignore, or thwart federal immigration
20	enforcement efforts.
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_	The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Jonathon Wagner.

DIGEST
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Present law defines the crime of malfeasance in office.

<u>Proposed law</u> retains <u>present law</u> and adds taking any official action, failing to perform an official duty, or refuse a lawful request for cooperation submitted by either U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, or U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services with the intent to hinder, delay, prevent, or otherwise interfere, ignore, or thwart federal immigration enforcement efforts to the crime of malfeasance in office.

Present law defines the crime of obstruction of justice and establishes penalties for

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violations.

<u>Proposed law</u> retains <u>present law</u> and adds committing any act intended to hinder, delay, prevent, or otherwise interfere with or thwart federal immigration enforcement efforts to the crime of obstruction of justice.

Effective August 1, 2025.

(Amends R.S. 14:134(A); adds R.S. 130.1(A)(6))