



Monday, February 20, 2012 as of 11:30 AM EST

Like Confirm Follow @foxnewslatino Register Login

CAIENTE American Idol Castoff Heads Back to School • Hello Gael, Bye Antonio. Meet the New Zorro • Men of Gaga

- Home
- News
- Politics
- Entertainment
- Sports
- Health
- Lifestyle
- Community
- Español

New Tennessee Law Seeks Higher Bail for Undocumented Immigrants

Published February 14, 2012 / Fox News Latino



2003 GETTY IMAGES

- Print
- Email
- Share
- Like Confirm
- Tweet 1
- Share

A Tennessee state representative presented a controversial new immigration bill that some argue is unconstitutional.

The proposed legislation, which is being discussed in the Tennessee House Judiciary Committee today, would require higher bails to be set for undocumented immigrants who are involved in serious car crashes.

Proposed by Republican state representative Joe Carr, the bill is designed to treat undocumented immigrants in these incidents as automatic flight risks.

The thinking follows Carr's desire for Tennessee to "de-magnetize itself from the dependency illegals have on state services and the fact that they feel like they're welcome here."

"I'm trying to make it more difficult for those who are here illegally to jump bond, so they appear in court," said Carr according to [the Tennessean](#) newspaper.

FOLLOW FOX NEWS LATINO

Follow @foxnewslatino 11.2K followers

Like

You like Fox News Latino · Admin Page · Insights · Error Lindsey Harris, Carlos A. Roa Jr. and 40 014 others like this Carlos A. Roa

Confirm

57-Year-Old Woman Looks 27
Nashville Woman Discovers New Wrinkle Secret That Has Doctors Angry

President Lowers Amount Homeowners Owe
Homeowners in Tennessee are using this 1 Program to get a 3.2% Rofi

The E-Cigarette EXPOSED
Do not try until you read this new study on the results of using...

Ads by pulse360
ADVERTISEMENT

MORE STORIES

- Rio's Spectacular Carnival Parade
- NBA Round-Up: Kobe Bryant Sounds Off on Gasol, Brook Lopez, & Knicks
- Gay Outing by Immigrant Ex-Lover Poses Political Problems for Arizona Sheriff
- Mexicana Flight Attendants Turned Calendar Girls Feud after Success
- Mexico Prison Riot Death Toll Keeps

If passed, the bill could potentially cost local tax payers as well. Since the new law would no longer require federal immigration authorities to retain the suspects, each held under these circumstances would cost the county jails around \$8,000 dollars, according to Eben Cathey, communications coordinator for the Tennessee Immigrant and Refugee Rights Coalition.

Celebrities Who Were Once Undocumented

However, it is the bill's legitimacy that is truly drawing criticism, as both federal and state laws dictate how bail is set for suspects, the legality of the bill is questionable.

"Citizenship is not a significant predictor of either failure to appear or new arrest during the pretrial period," said civil rights attorney Jerry González.

"An individual's bail must be set on an individualized basis," González said. "It cannot be based on some broad principle that is supposedly applied to everybody."

Regardless of his critics, Carr still believes in the bill, saying "I'm trying to assure that the victims get their day in court and that somebody who is here illegally doesn't flee the country."

Follow us on twitter.com/foxnewslatino
Like us at facebook.com/foxnewslatino



Rising



Latino Mormons Speak Out Against Mitt Romney on Immigration



Spain's Battle over Gold and Coins Salvaged Off Florida Nears Conclusion



Yankees Trade AJ Burnett to Pittsburgh Pirates for Latino Prospects



Too Sexy for the Super Bowl? Reporter's Attire Sparks Debate, Again



Playboy Feud Divides Mexicana Flight Attendants Turned Calendar Girls

Show More



RECOMMENDED STORIES

- Jennifer López's Breast Exposed Due to Wardrobe Malfunction
- Kobe Bryant's Wife is a Gold-Digger Like her Mother, Former Stepdad Says
- Playboy Feud Divides Mexicana Flight Attendants Turned Calendar Girls
- Fat Joe Drops 100 Lbs. After Seeing Too Many Overweight Friends Die Young
- After Three Month Odyssey, Fishermen Rescued Off Mexico
- Explosives Found Near Kansas Statehouse Amid Immigration Hearings

ALSO ON THE WEB

- 5 Ways Gingrich Blew a Chance of a Lifetime (The Fiscal Times)
- Video: Massive shifts in the geopolitical landscape in 2012 (Merrill Lynch: Wealth Management)
- Men: Cancer Symptoms You're Most Likely to Ignore (Caring.com)
- Wow Factor - Jennifer Aniston in Black Leather (StyleBistro)
- 3 additives your car doesn't need (Bank Rate.com)
- Fish Bites Man (Away.com)

[what's this]

ADVERTISEMENT

SHARE THIS ARTICLE

Facebook Like: 10, Twitter Tweet: 1, +1: 0

NEWSLETTER SIGNUP

Sign up for free e-mail news alerts from FoxNews.com and FoxBusiness.com.



Jennifer Lopez & Casper Smart -- Valentine's Day Is for Swingers

Alleged Suicide Bomber Arrested Outside Capitol Building

Introducing Nite Jewel Inspiring Young Latina of the Week: Amy

Champions: Milan goleó al Arsenal y puso un pie en cuartos

So Chespirito Wrote Most Of Capulina's Movie Scripts

Los taxis de Nueva York y la belleza del movimiento (+VIDEO)

La Cuna Blanca: A homage to a friend gone too soon

- Kobe Bryant and Vanessa -- Reconciling ... With Their Kissing Mouths
- Kate Upton -- I'm Definitely Maybe Dating Jets QB Mark Sanchez
- Erik Estrada's Wife Nanette -- Happy Valentine's Day! Here's an Edible Man Thong
- Chad Ochocinco -- I'm Getting My Johnson Back
- Nigerian Underwear Bomber Receives Life Sentence
- Chinese Heir Apparent Denies Human Rights Abuses in China
- New Jersey Senate Approves Gay Marriage Bill
- Barack Obama to Revamp Controversial Birth Control Policy
- Davila
- Freddie Prinze Jr. Loves Being a Stay at Home Dad
- Christina Aguilera And 'The Voice' Judges Returning for Season 3
- Sources Confirm Demi Lovato is Not in Rehab
- One more win for the Lakers
- El Zenit logra un importante triunfo de local ante Benfica
- PREMIER: Tottenham Hotspur gana y se acerca a los líderes
- Zamora logra primer punto en Libertadores frente a Boca
- White Mexican Girl Arrested In Mexico. Has The World Gone Mad?
- Who Knew Kissing A Real, Live Lion Could Be So Charming?
- Your Morning Squeeze: Behind The Music With La Tigresa Del Oriente
- Gisele Bundchen's Controversial TV Ad [Video]
- Desechan demanda vs agente EE.UU. por muerte joven mexicano
- Cuba: El golpe de Estado 'invisible' (OPINION)
- Día de los presidentes de EE.UU. (+FOTOS)
- Hispanos reclaman representación justa en Nueva York
- Mixed-race marriages on the rise
- Manny-ball, Lin-ation, and quick hits
- What does freedom mean to you? [video]
- Democrats choose L.A. mayor to chair national convention



SECTIONS

- Home
- News
- Politics
- Entertainment

- Sports
- Health
- Lifestyle
- Community
- Español

ABOUT

- Terms of Use
- Privacy Statement
- Ad Choices
- Contact Us
- Internships - FNCU

NETWORKING

- Facebook
- Twitter
- RSS