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TITLE 24. GOVERNMENT - STATE
ADMINISTRATION

ARTICLE 19.8. DIRECTIVE TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL TO DEMAND FEDERAL ENFORCEMENT OF
EXISTING FEDERAL IMMIGRATION LAWS

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C.R.S. 24-19.8-101 (2008)

24-19.8-101. Legislative declaration

The general assembly hereby finds and declares that the failure to enforce immigration laws at the federal level places an undue burden on state government resources and that there is a limitation on what can be done at the state level to enforce the federal laws and to implement laws at the state level. The general assembly further finds that the state of Colorado spends a disproportionate share of its limited tax revenue on public services and benefits such as health care, law enforcement, criminal defense and incarceration, and education that are provided to illegal aliens as a result of the federal government's failure to enforce immigration laws. Therefore, the Colorado state attorney general shall initiate or join other states in a lawsuit against the United States attorney general to demand the enforcement of all existing federal immigration laws by the federal government.

HISTORY: Source: L. Referred 2006: Entire article added, L. 2006, 1st Ex. Sess., p. 4, § 1, effective December 31.

Cross references: For elections, see title 1; for peace officers and firefighters, see article 5 of title 29; for state engineer, see article 80 of title 37; for state chemist, see part 4 of article 1 of title 25; for offenses against government, see article 8 of title 18; for the "Uniform Records Retention Act", see article 17 of title 6.

Editor's note: This article was enacted by House Bill 06S-1022. That bill contained a referendum clause and was approved by a vote of the registered electors of the state of Colorado on November 7, 2006. This article was effective upon proclamation of the governor, December 31, 2007. The vote count for the measure was as follows: FOR:830,628 AGAINST: 660,012 Law reviews:For article, "2006 Immigration Legislation in Colorado", see 35 Colo. Law. 79 (October 2006).