



Governor Ned Lamont

Fact Sheet: 2026 Legislative Proposal

SENATE BILL 91

AN ACT ENHANCING THE INVESTIGATIVE AUTHORITY OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL AND ESTABLISHING PROTECTED AREAS

The Current Situation

For decades, federal law enforcement adhered to a “protected areas” policy that limited immigration enforcement at hospitals, schools, and religious buildings. The goal of the policy was to ensure that individuals felt safe when seeking medical care, attending school, or going to a house of worship, without fear of encountering federal immigration authorities at those locations.

The current federal administration has rescinded this longstanding policy. The outcome has led to many children and families feeling unsafe and fearful in their communities.

Governor Lamont’s Solution

Protect hospitals, schools, religious and government buildings and properties by codifying the “protected areas” policy that federal law enforcement previously maintained. The proposal requires federal immigration officials to provide a judicial warrant in order to enter a protected area, subject to certain exceptions for exigent circumstances.

The bill specifies that the Inspector General has authority to investigate an expanded class of federal law enforcement officers who use deadly force in our state.

