**Playbook 2 ICE Funding Resources**

The One Big Beautiful Bill provides extensive resources for US Immigration and Customs Enforcement. Ultimately, making it the largest federal law enforcement agency. Rather than addressing root causes of immigration backlogs or modernizing outdated systems, the bill pours billions into expanded detention and surveillance systems that will disproportionately harm immigrants, families, and communities of color. This approach echoes failed strategies from our darkest moments in history, while gutting legal protections and humanitarian norms for the years to come. This bill:

**Balloons ICE and Border Enforcement Budgets**

* Allocates $45 billion for ICE detention, a 265% increase, enabling over 116,000 beds.
* Expands ICE’s reach through contracts with private prisons and state/local jails.
* Provides $75 billion for surveillance and enforcement operations, including:
  + $47 billion for new border wall construction
  + $1 billion in military funds diverted to support immigration enforcement

**Undermines Legal Protections and Due Process**

* Caps immigration judges at 800, worsening court backlogs and delays.
* Expands expedited removal processes that bypass legal representation and due process.
* Strips many lawfully present immigrants of access to health care and nutrition assistance.
* Imposes new and increased fees for asylum, TPS, parole, and humanitarian protections.

**Violates Human Rights and Government Oversight**

* Violates the *Flores* Agreement by allowing indefinite detention of children and families.
* Undermines protections for asylum seekers, families, and unaccompanied minors.
* Expands detention under weakened medical and oversight standards, increasing risk of neglect, solitary confinement, and death.
* Authorizes intrusive physical exams of children and deportation without legal counsel.
* Restricts congressional access to detention facilities, limiting transparency and oversight.

**Partner Research and Analysis**

* [National Immigrant Justice Center (NIJC) explainer](https://immigrantjustice.org/research/explainer-how-congress-codified-hateful-and-extreme-anti-immigrant-policies-by-passing-trumps-budget-bill/)
* [National Immigration Law Center (NILC) explainer](https://www.nilc.org/resources/the-anti-immigrant-policies-in-trumps-final-big-beautiful-bill-explained/)
* [American Immigration Council (AIC) report](https://www.americanimmigrationcouncil.org/fact-sheet/house-reconciliation-bill-immigration-border-security/)
* [Brennan Center for Justice Analysis](https://www.brennancenter.org/our-work/analysis-opinion/budget-bill-massively-increases-funding-immigration-detention)

**Additional Commentary:**

* [ACLU Press Release](https://www.aclu.org/press-releases/as-communities-mobilize-against-increasing-ice-abuses-members-of-congress-must-fulfill-their-responsibility-to-conduct-oversight-of-immigration-detention)
* [National Partnership for New Americans statement](https://partnershipfornewamericans.org/npna-denounces-house-passage-of-h-r-1-a-billionaire-backed-attack-on-immigrants-and-working-families/)
* [United We Dream Action statement](https://unitedwedreamaction.org/2025/02/nations-leading-youth-organizations-demand-democrats-block-destructive-maga-budget/)