



Quick Summary of Immigration-Related Provisions February 9, 2017 Trump Executive Orders

Task Force on Crime Reduction and Public Safety

- Directs the Attorney General to create a task force to reduce crime and restore public safety in America.
- Members shall be selected by the Attorney General, and the task force shall remain in effect until it accomplishes its objectives, as determined by the Attorney General.
- The task force shall submit reports of its findings and recommendations, at least annually.
- The task force shall, among other things, develop policies that “**comprehensively address illegal immigration**, drug trafficking and violent crime.”
- The task force shall also exchange information and ideas that will be useful to **reduce crime, including “illegal immigration.”**
- Other tasks include identifying deficiencies in current law and evaluating crime data.

Potential Issues: Equates “illegal immigration” in terms of severity and impact on public safety with “drug trafficking” and “violent crime.”

Enforcing Federal Law With Respect to Transnational Criminal Organizations (TCOs) and Preventing International Trafficking

- It is the policy of the executive branch to, among other things...
 - Give high priority to and devote sufficient resources to efforts to identify/dismantle TCOs, extradition of members of such organizations to face charges in the U.S., and “to the extent permitted by law, **the swift removal from the United States of foreign nationals who are members of such organizations.**”
 - Pursue and support other efforts to prevent the success of TCOs within and beyond the United States “**to include prosecution of ancillary criminal offenses, such as immigration fraud and visa fraud,**” etc.
- Directs the “Threat Mitigation Working Group (TMWG)” (which was established by President Obama in 2011) to, among other things:
 - Review federal laws to determine existing ways to identify/disrupt TCO activities, and **ascertain which authorities “including provisions under the INA,” could be better**

enforced or amended to prevent members of TCOs from entering the U.S. and exploiting the U.S. immigration system.

Potential Issues: Targets visa/immigration fraud. Could make gang-based asylum claims much harder. Concern that anyone with past gang affiliation, including forced recruitment, could be targeted.

Preventing Violence against Federal, State, Tribal and Local Law Enforcement Officers

- It is the policy of the executive branch to: enforce all federal laws to enhance protections for law enforcement officers; develop strategies to enhance protection of law enforcement officers; and pursue legislation that will define new federal crimes and increase penalties for existing crimes in order to keep law enforcement officers safe.
- Directs the Attorney General to, among other things:
 - Make recommendations for legislation to protect enforcement officers. This could include creating new “crimes of violence” or new mandatory minimums for existing crimes of violence against law enforcement officers as well as for related crimes.
 - Evaluate grant funding to determine the extent to which the grant funding supports and protects law enforcement officers.
 - Recommend changes to grant funding and possible legislation to adequately support and protect law enforcement.

Potential Issues: (1) Possibility of Kate’s Law mandatory minimum for illegal entry crimes; and (2) Possibility of de-funding of certain localities that could be labeled as “sanctuary cities.”