

Gov. Henry approves immigration bill

Editor's Note: Gov. Henry signed HB 1804 into law Tuesday afternoon.

Statement from Gov. Brad Henry

“Illegal immigration is a very serious national security issue that must be addressed at the federal level. States can take some actions on their own, but until the U.S. Congress enacts a comprehensive, national immigration policy, citizens will see little progress on this issue.

“While some will undoubtedly claim this state legislation is a landmark step forward, the truth of the matter is we will not effectively address immigration reform until the federal government acts.

“State leaders should closely monitor the impact of HB 1804 in the months and years to come to ensure that it doesn't have any unintended consequences.”