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## Concerns about SB 118

1. SB 118 would negatively affect U.S. citizens, whether natural-born or nationalized
  - Those not born in hospitals, the homeless, and victims of natural disasters and domestic violence might not have access to necessary documentation
  - Newborns would be ineligible until the state issues documentation
  - Those without government ID would be disadvantaged
    - 11% of U.S. citizens
    - 15% of citizens earning less than \$35,000
    - 18% of those over 65
    - 25% of African Americans
  - Parents of citizen children are also required to verify their legal presence
  - Direct violation of federal law
2. Children under 18, forced to live on their own and without the required documents in their possession, would be unable to sign the affidavit required by SB 118.
  - May face significant delays in acquiring documentation from the state
  - Eligible non-citizens might not have the required documents at all
3. SB 118 would create a chilling effect for families with even one non-documented member
  - In 2009, 83.7% of Kentucky children with immigrant parents were U.S. citizens
4. The GAO has found that similar programs have cost states millions to implement with “uncertain” results, and have caused denial or delay of Medicaid coverage for eligible U.S. citizens.
5. SB 118 confuses lawful presence with eligibility for benefits - far fewer non-citizens are eligible for public benefits than are lawfully present.
6. SB 118 requires documented non-citizens to swear to their own eligibility for benefits under federal and state law, under penalty of perjury. Non-eligible non-citizens could innocently commit a felony by applying for a benefit for which they mistakenly thought themselves eligible
7. SB 118 requires applicants for drivers’ licenses to be verified by the SAVE system, which is not set up to verify lawful residence. Additionally, the system can take weeks to verify matching information and has a high error rate which has not been fully evaluated.

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