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Statehouses break record on immigration bills

Many Tennessee proposals stuck in limbo.

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Statehouses across the country are considering a record-breaking number of anti-illegal immigration laws this year, according to a recent report from the National Conference of State Legislatures. Lawmakers have proposed 1,169 laws limiting driving privileges, expanding local police authorities' abilities to enforce immigration laws, making documentation requirements more stringent and punishing businesses that employ illegal immigrants, the report shows.

That's more than double the 570 bills filed in 2006, the organization reports.

In 18 states, not including Tennessee, legislatures have enacted 57 such laws.

Read about what's holding up anti-immigration proposals in the Volunteer State in Monday's Tennessean.

Read the National Conference's report at:

<http://www.ncsl.org/programs/immig/2007StateLegislationImmigration.htm>

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