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Immigrants pick fast-track deportation



Federal agents detain a man after a court hearing in immigration court at the Ted Weiss Federal Building on July 7 in New York City. Detained migrants are opting to plead guilty to charges in order to speed up deportations rather than spend more time in detainment facilities. MICHAEL M. SANTIAGO/GETTY IMAGES

Amid crackdown, migrants fear unknown

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TALLAHASSEE, FL – In a cold courtroom downtown, Isabela Hurtado sat in a wooden pew. It had been over a month since she last saw her father. On May 29, she watched him get ready for work at a construction site near the state capital’s CollegeTown. When she next saw him, on July 2, he was in an orange jumpsuit, shackled by the hands and ankles, waiting to see a federal judge. “All I wanted to do in that moment was cry, but I had to contain myself,” said Hurtado, 19. She looked at her dad, Juan Hurtado

Solano, seated next to his public defender. He turned around and smiled. Minutes later, he pleaded guilty to illegally reentering the United States, a federal crime with a potential punishment of up to two years in prison and \$250,000 fine. While entering the country without the proper documentation is a misdemeanor, reentering the United States after already being deported is a federal felony, according to U.S. Code 1326, Re-entry of Illegal Aliens. “My dad isn’t a criminal,” Isabela Hurtado said. “My dad is literally a person who works every day, goes home, takes care of family, and that’s that.” Amid President Donald Trump’s crackdown on illegal immigration,

more people are being charged for illegal reentry into the United States. And many of those defendants are pleading guilty and agreeing not to challenge their case or removal because of fears of getting stuck in the immigration system, spending more time in detention, or being deported to a country that is not their own. Hurtado’s father spoke to his wife and kids. Ultimately, Hurtado said it was the best-case scenario. “If you’re just going to get sent back regardless, let’s just speed up with the process because I wouldn’t want my dad to sit there any longer anyway,” Hurtado said, adding she would prefer to FaceTime him while he’s in Mexico rather than the alternative. In February, U.S. Attorney General

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EDUCATION

School voucher growth slows

Indiana releases annual report on the program

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Indiana’s annual report on who is using the state’s private school vouchers and how much money is being spent was released this month and shows a rise in participation, but its growth has slowed compared to recent years. Indiana’s Choice Scholarship Program allows families to use state dollars that would have followed their child to a traditional public school to instead pay for a private, parochial or nonreligious school. The state releases this report annually, and for the 2024-25 school year, it showed that the state spent around \$497 million on the program, which is an increase of just over \$58 million from the previous school year. The program is nearly universal in Indiana, with the state legislature in 2023 increasing the income requirement for participation to up to 400% of the amount needed to qualify for the federal free and reduced lunch program. For a family of four, that is an annual income of \$237,910. However, that will change starting in June 2026 since the legislature approved removing income requirements for participation in legislation that passed this year. Here are the top four takeaways from this year’s report.

Growth of the program

Growth in the number of students using vouchers to attend private

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Fozzie Bear’s restored Studebaker unveiled at Concours d’Elegance

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SOUTH BEND — Fozzie Bear’s ride is back in its natural habitat — at Studebaker National Museum. After an 18-month restoration process, the museum unveiled the restored 1951 Studebaker Commander — psychedelic paint job and all — during the museum’s seventh annual Concours d’Elegance at Copshaholm on Saturday, July 12. Visitors — adults and kids alike — filled the museum’s atrium and onto the

stairs and balcony to catch a glimpse of a project more than 20 years in the making. Museum Curator Kyle Sater said he started choking up seeing the car roll out of its trailer Thursday, July 10. “This car is more than a car,” Sater said, standing in front of a backdrop that read, “Fozzie’s ride is coming home” and “A Bear’s Natural Habitat: The Return of Fozzie’s Studebaker.” Fozzie Bear drove the 1951 Studebaker Commander cross country with Kermit the Frog as his passenger in 1979’s “The

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After an 18-month restoration, the 1951 Studebaker Commander used in 1979’s “The Muppet Movie” was unveiled at the 2025 Concours d’Elegance at Copshaholm on July 12 on the grounds of Studebaker National Museum and The History Museum in South Bend. PHOTOS BY MATT CASHORE/SOUTH BEND TRIBUNE

