

Senate Approves Legislation for New Employment Verification System

By a vote of 62 to 36, the Senate easily passed comprehensive immigration legislation on Wednesday, May 24, 2006. The Senate's bill replaces the current paper I-9 process with a national electronic verification system. Employers would be required to use the system to check identity and work eligibility of all new hires.

The House passed an immigration reform bill in December of last year. Now, the Senate and House must reconcile their respective bills to craft a bill that the President will sign.

Should you have any questions about the proposed electronic verification system, or need assistance with your current I-9 compliance, please contact [Stuart Brock](#) (704-331-4975 or [email](#)) in our Charlotte office, or contact the Womble Carlyle Labor and Employment attorney with whom you already work.

Correction to May 25, 2006 Client Alert: Please note that the Senate vote took place on Wednesday, May 24, 2006.

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