

**NEW LAW MAKES IT TOUGHER FOR F-1 STUDENTS TO
GET SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBERS**

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Effective October 13, 2004, an F-1 student will be required to provide the Social Security Administration with verifiable evidence of age, identity, immigration status and work authorization in order to obtain a Social Security Number. In many cases, the F-1 student must also be able to provide evidence that he or she is authorized to work by his or her school and that he or she has obtained a job or a promise of a job before a Social Security Number will be issued. The Social Security Administration hopes that these new requirements will reduce fraud and the misuse of Social Security Numbers by F-1 students. To see how this new law may affect your case, you can contact an immigration attorney at Long, Chang & Associates, L.L.P. by phone at (336) 855-5700 or by email at info@longchangoonline.com. For the full text of the new law, please see <http://www.longchangoonline.com/F1SSN.pdf>.

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