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# HR 720

Alien Children Protection Act of 2001

Congress: 107 (2001–2003, Ended)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: Immigration Introduced: Feb 14, 2001

Current Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Claims.

Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Claims. (Mar 2, 2001)

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Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Diaz-Balart, Lincoln [R-FL-21]	$R \cdot FL$		Feb 14, 2001
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Rep. Meek, Carrie P. [D-FL-17]	D · FL		Feb 14, 2001
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## **Committee Activity**

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 2, 2001

# **Subjects & Policy Tags**

## **Policy Area:**

Immigration

#### **Related Bills**

No related bills are listed.

#### **Summary** (as of Feb 14, 2001)

Alien Children Protection Act of 2001 - Requires, with exceptions, an alien under the age of 18 who does not have an adult relative or guardian in the United States to be placed in a facility appropriate for children while awaiting final immigration status adjudication.

Amends the Immigration and Nationality Act to authorize the Attorney General to adjust the status of an alien under the age of 18 with no lawful immigration status to that of a permanent resident alien if: (1) the alien or parent or guardian has so applied, and the alien has resided in the United States for five consecutive years; or (2) no foreign-domiciled parent or guardian has requested the alien's return, and the Attorney General determines that a return would subject the alien to physical or mental abuse, and it is in the alien's best interests to remain in the United States.

Directs the Attorney General to appoint a child welfare professional or trained individual as such alien's guardian ad litem.

Expresses the sense of Congress commending the Immigration and Naturalization Service for issuance and implementation of specified children's asylum claims guidelines.

#### **Actions Timeline**

• Mar 2, 2001: Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Claims.

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• Feb 14, 2001: Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.