

S 1609

PROMISE Act

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Immigration

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Hatch, Orrin G. [R-UT]

Party: Republican • State: UT • Chamber: Senate

Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Cornyn, John [R-TX]	R · TX		Feb 12, 2004

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Reported By	May 13, 2004

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Immigration

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
108 HR 4644	Identical bill	Jun 30, 2004: Referred to the Subcommittee on Human Resources.

Parental Responsibility Obligations Met through Immigration System Enforcement Act or PROMISE Act - Amends the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA) to render aliens inadmissible for nonpayment of child support if arrearages exceed a specified amount unless payments are satisfied or the alien is in compliance with an approved payment agreement.

Authorizes the Secretary of Homeland Security to parole such inadmissible aliens into the United States if parole is essential to the fulfillment of child support and the alien is placed in removal proceedings, has authorized employment, and is otherwise admissible. Prohibits entry of a final removal order against such aliens during the pendency of State court child support proceedings.

Adds nonpayment of child support to the INA's list of conduct barring a finding that an alien is a person of good moral character unless support payments are satisfied or the alien is in compliance with an approved payment agreement.

Authorizes immigration officers to serve process in child support or paternity cases on aliens seeking admission.

Amends the Social Security Act to require the Secretary of Health and Human Services, upon request by the Attorney General, Secretary of Homeland Security, or Secretary of State, to provide authorized persons with information that may aid alien child support delinquency determinations. Prohibits the further disclosure of such information other than for Federal law enforcement purposes. Authorizes disciplinary action and civil penalties for unauthorized disclosures.

Actions Timeline

- **May 13, 2004:** Committee on the Judiciary. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.
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- **Sep 11, 2003:** Introduced in Senate
- **Sep 11, 2003:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S11417-11418)
- **Sep 11, 2003:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (text of measure as introduced: CR S11418)