

S 1685

Basic Pilot Program Extension and Expansion Act of 2003

Congress: 108 (2003–2005, Ended)

Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Immigration

Introduced: Sep 30, 2003

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Law: 108-156 (Enacted Dec 3, 2003)

Official Text: <https://www.congress.gov/bill/108th-congress/senate-bill/1685>

Sponsor

Name: Sen. Grassley, Chuck [R-IA]

Party: Republican • State: IA • Chamber: Senate

Cosponsors (3 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Kyl, Jon [R-AZ]	R · AZ		Oct 3, 2003
Sen. Kennedy, Edward M. [D-MA]	D · MA		Nov 6, 2003
Sen. Cornyn, John [R-TX]	R · TX		Nov 10, 2003

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Reported By	Nov 6, 2003
Judiciary Committee	House	Bills of Interest - Exchange of Letters	Dec 15, 2003

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Immigration

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
108 HR 2359	Related bill	Oct 28, 2003: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Failed by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 231 - 170 (Roll no. 570). (text: CR H9893)
108 S 1642	Related bill	Oct 22, 2003: Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration, Border Security, and Claims.

(This measure has not been amended since it was passed by the Senate on November 12, 2003. The summary of that version is repeated here.)

Basic Pilot Program Extension and Expansion Act of 2003 - (Sec. 2) Amends the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 to extend for five additional years: (1) the "basic" employment verification system pilot program; (2) the citizen attestation pilot program; and (3) the machine-readable-document pilot program.

(Sec. 3) Extends the scope of the "basic" pilot program to all States by December 1, 2004 (currently five to seven States). Directs the Secretary of Homeland Security to report on such program extension by June 1, 2004.

(Sec. 4) Amends the Departments of Commerce, Justice, and State, the Judiciary, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 1993 to authorize the Secretary of Homeland Security to give immigration priority to petitions filed under the pilot immigration for regional centers to promote economic growth. Extends such program for an additional five years.

(Sec. 5) Directs the General Accounting Office (GAO) to conduct a study of the immigrant investor program, including information on the number of such immigrants and their country of origin, settlement locality, and employment created by them.

Actions Timeline

- **Dec 3, 2003:** Signed by President.
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- **Dec 3, 2003:** Became Public Law No: 108-156.
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- **Nov 21, 2003:** Presented to President.
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- **Nov 19, 2003:** Mr. Sensenbrenner moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill.
- **Nov 19, 2003:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H11582-11586)
- **Nov 19, 2003:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on S. 1685.
- **Nov 19, 2003:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H11582-11583)
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- **Nov 19, 2003:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Nov 14, 2003:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Nov 14, 2003:** Received in the House.
- **Nov 14, 2003:** Held at the desk.
- **Nov 12, 2003:** Measure laid before Senate by unanimous consent. (consideration: CR S14504-14506; text of measure as reported in Senate: CR S14505)
- **Nov 12, 2003:** The committee substitute as amended agreed to by Unanimous Consent.
- **Nov 12, 2003:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent.(text: CR S14505-14506)
- **Nov 12, 2003:** Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent. (text: CR S14505-14506)
- **Nov 6, 2003:** Committee on the Judiciary. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.
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- **Nov 6, 2003:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 374.
- **Sep 30, 2003:** Introduced in Senate
- **Sep 30, 2003:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.