

HR 2607

HELP Separated Children Act

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Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration Policy and Enforcement. (Aug 25, 2011)

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Rep. Ellison, Keith [D-MN-5]	D · MN		Mar 26, 2012
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Rep. Olver, John W. [D-MA-1]	D · MA		Apr 18, 2012
Rep. Roybal-Allard, Lucille [D-CA-34]	D · CA		Apr 18, 2012
Rep. Gutierrez, Luis V. [D-IL-4]	D · IL		Nov 13, 2012

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Aug 25, 2011
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred to	Jul 27, 2011

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Immigration

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Jul 21, 2011)

Humane Enforcement and Legal Protections for Separated Children Act or the HELP Separated Children Act - Sets forth: (1) apprehension procedures for immigration enforcement-related activities engaged in by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) or by other entities under agreement with DHS, and (2) related protections for apprehended persons who belong to specified vulnerable population groups.

Amends the Immigration and Nationality Act to: (1) authorize an alien who has been arrested or detained pending a removal determination to be represented by counsel (at no cost to the government), and (2) require that an alien who has been in such custody for more than 48 hours be brought for a custody determination not later than 72 hours after commencement of detention.

Amends part E (Foster Care and Adoption Assistance) of title IV of the Social Security Act to require that state plans for foster care and adoption assistance include provisions regarding foster care children with a parent, legal guardian, or primary caregiver relative who is in immigration detainment or has been removed from the United States.

Directs the Secretary of Homeland Security to: (1) mandate vulnerable population and child welfare training for immigration enforcement personnel, and (2) ensure that immigration detention facilities take steps to preserve family unity.

Actions Timeline

- **Aug 25, 2011:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration Policy and Enforcement.
- **Jul 27, 2011:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Human Resources.
- **Jul 21, 2011:** Introduced in House
- **Jul 21, 2011:** Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.