

HR 3120

Student Visa Reform Act

Congress: 112 (2011–2013, Ended)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: Immigration

Introduced: Oct 6, 2011

Current Status: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Latest Action: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (Aug 2, 2012)

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Sponsor

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Party: Democratic • **State:** CA • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Discharged from	Jun 26, 2012
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Referred To	Aug 2, 2012

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Immigration

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

(This measure has not been amended since it was reported to the House on July 12, 2012. The summary of that version is repeated here.)

Student Visa Reform Act - Amends the Immigration and Nationality Act to require that a person coming to study at a college, university, or language training program in the United States under a nonimmigrant student F-visa must attend an institution that is accredited by an accrediting agency recognized by the Secretary of Education.

Authorizes the Secretary of Homeland Security (DHS) to require academic institutions (exempts seminaries or other religious institutions) to be similarly accredited for F-visa purposes if: (1) the institution is not already required to be accredited, (2) an accrediting agency recognized by the Secretary of Education is able to provide such accreditation, and (3) 25 or more F-visa foreign students are or will be pursuing a course of study at the institution.

Authorizes the Secretary of Homeland Security to waive the accreditation requirement for an established college, university, or language training program that is otherwise in compliance with F-visa provisions and is making a good faith effort to satisfy the accreditation requirement.

Prohibits a person convicted of certain felony offenses, including human trafficking or visa fraud relating to an academic institution's participation in the Student and Exchange Visitor Program (SEVP), from having subsequent ownership or substantial authority at an academic institution participating in SEVP.

Provides a three-year exemption for students coming to study at a college or university that has been certified by the Secretary of Homeland Security but not yet accredited or denied accreditation by an accrediting agency.

Actions Timeline

- **Aug 2, 2012:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.
- **Aug 1, 2012:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H5619)
- **Aug 1, 2012:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR 7/31/2012 H5504-5505)
- **Aug 1, 2012:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR 7/31/2012 H5504-5505)
- **Aug 1, 2012:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Jul 31, 2012:** Mr. Smith (TX) moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Jul 31, 2012:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H5504-5506)
- **Jul 31, 2012:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 3120.
- **Jul 31, 2012:** At the conclusion of debate, the chair put the question on the motion to suspend the rules. Mr. Smith (TX) objected to the vote on the grounds that a quorum was not present. Further proceedings on the motion were postponed. The point of no quorum was withdrawn.
- **Jul 12, 2012:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Judiciary. H. Rept. 112-595.
- **Jul 12, 2012:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 430.
- **Jun 28, 2012:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Jun 28, 2012:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote.
- **Jun 26, 2012:** Subcommittee on Immigration Policy and Enforcement Discharged.
- **Oct 24, 2011:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration Policy and Enforcement.
- **Oct 6, 2011:** Introduced in House
- **Oct 6, 2011:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.