

## S 497

### Secure Travel and Counterterrorism Partnership Program Act of 2011

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**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Immigration

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**Current Status:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

**Latest Action:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (Mar 7, 2011)

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## Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Mikulski, Barbara A. [D-MD]

**Party:** Democratic • **State:** MD • **Chamber:** Senate

## Cosponsors (5 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Kirk, Mark Steven [R-IL]	R · IL		Mar 7, 2011
Sen. Klobuchar, Amy [D-MN]	D · MN		Jul 7, 2011
Sen. Brown, Sherrod [D-OH]	D · OH		Jul 25, 2011
Sen. Begich, Mark [D-AK]	D · AK		Sep 15, 2011
Sen. Blunt, Roy [R-MO]	R · MO		Nov 16, 2011

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Referred To	Mar 7, 2011

## Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Immigration

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
112 HR 959	Identical bill	Mar 21, 2011: Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration Policy and Enforcement.

Secure Travel and Counterterrorism Partnership Program Act of 2011 - Amends the Immigration and Nationality Act regarding the visa waiver program to: (1) authorize the Secretary of Homeland Security (DHS), in consultation with the Secretary of State, to designate program countries; (2) replace visa refusal rates with visa overstay rates in determining program participation; (3) set a maximum 3% visa overstay rate for program countries; and (4) revise probationary status and program termination provisions.

Directs the Comptroller General to review the Secretary of Homeland Security's methods for tracking aliens entering and exiting the United States and for detecting visa overstays.

#### **Actions Timeline**

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