

## HR 5143

Protection of Children Act of 2014

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### Committee Activity

| Committee                 | Chamber | Activity    | Date         |
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| Foreign Affairs Committee | House   | Referred To | Jul 17, 2014 |
| Judiciary Committee       | House   | Referred to | Sep 2, 2014  |

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

International Affairs

### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

Protection of Children Act of 2014 - Amends the William Wilberforce Trafficking Victims Protection Reauthorization Act of 2008 to eliminate the special repatriation requirements for unaccompanied alien children (UAC) who are nationals or residents of a country contiguous to the United States. (Applies the same removal requirements to all UACs who are not victims of a severe form of trafficking in persons and who do not have a fear of returning to their country of nationality or last habitual residence.)

Requires an immigration officer who finds an inadmissible UAC at a land border or port of entry to return the child to his or her country of nationality or of last habitual residence. (Such authority is now only discretionary.)

Authorizes the Secretary of State to negotiate agreements between the United States and other countries for the repatriation of children. (Under current law the Secretary is required to negotiate agreements between the United States and countries contiguous to the United States for the repatriation of children.)

Requires any unaccompanied child who is not a victim of a severe form of trafficking in persons, and does not have a fear of returning to his or her country of nationality or last habitual residence, but who is:

- (1) in removal proceedings to have a hearing before an immigration judge within 14 days,
- (2) in federal custody to be transferred to Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) custody within 30 days, and
- (3) in HHS or Department of Homeland Security (DHS) custody to have access to legal counsel at no cost to the government.

Requires:

- (1) HHS, before placing a child with an individual, to provide DHS with the individual's name, Social Security number, date of birth, residence location, and immigration status, if known; and
- (2) DHS to investigate the immigration status of the individual with whom the child is placed, and initiate removal proceedings if that individual is unlawfully present in the United States.

Applies such requirements to any unauthorized child apprehended on or after June 15, 2012.

Amends the Immigration and Nationality Act with respect to: (1) special immigrant juvenile status, and (2) jurisdiction of asylum applications.

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## **Actions Timeline**

- **Sep 2, 2014:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Border Security.
- **Jul 17, 2014:** Introduced in House
- **Jul 17, 2014:** Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, 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.