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Adoptee Citizenship Act of 2015

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Sen. Coats, Daniel [R-IN]	R · IN		Nov 10, 2015
Sen. Merkley, Jeff [D-OR]	D · OR		Nov 10, 2015
Sen. Gillibrand, Kirsten E. [D-NY]	D · NY		Dec 3, 2015
Sen. Schatz, Brian [D-HI]	D · HI		Jan 19, 2016
Sen. Hirono, Mazie K. [D-HI]	D · HI		Jun 13, 2016
Sen. Murray, Patty [D-WA]	D · WA		Nov 15, 2016

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Referred To	Nov 10, 2015

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Bill	Relationship	Last Action
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## **Adoptee Citizenship Act of 2015**

This bill amends the Immigration and Nationality Act to grant automatic citizenship to all qualifying children adopted by a U.S. citizen parent, regardless of the date on which the adoption was finalized.

An individual born outside of the United States who was adopted by a U.S. citizen parent shall automatically become a U.S. citizen when the following conditions have been fulfilled:

- the individual was adopted by a U.S. citizen before the individual reached age 18,
- the individual was physically present in the United States in the citizen parent's legal custody pursuant to a lawful admission before the individual reached age 18,
- the individual never acquired U.S. citizenship before the enactment of this Act, and
- the individual was lawfully residing in the United States on the date of enactment of this Act.

An individual who meets such criteria, except for lawfully residing in the United States on the date of enactment of this Act, shall automatically become a U.S. citizen on the date on which the individual is physically present in the United States pursuant to a lawful admission.

A visa may not be issued to such an individual unless:

- the individual was subjected to a criminal background check; and
- the Department of Homeland Security and the Department of State coordinated with law enforcement agencies to ensure that appropriate action is taken regarding any unresolved criminal activity.

## **Actions Timeline**

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