

HR 2314

Accountability in Immigration Detention Act of 2015

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Homeland Security Committee	House	Referred to	Jun 1, 2015
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Jun 26, 2015

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Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

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Directs the Secretary of Homeland Security (DHS) to ensure that persons detained pursuant to the Immigration and Nationality Act are treated in compliance with specified requirements regarding: (1) humane treatment, (2) detention facility standards, (3) solitary confinement limitations, (4) telephone access, (5) facility location, (6) investigation of grievances, (7) transfers, (8) language and translation services, (9) recreational programs and voluntary work, (10) medical care, (11) vulnerable populations, and (12) legal access.

Directs the Secretary to establish nationwide alternatives to detention programs that incorporate case management services in each DHS field office to ensure appearances at immigration proceedings and public safety.

States that the number of detention beds maintained shall be determined by the Secretary and shall be based solely on detention needs.

Expresses the sense of Congress that appropriations Acts shall not mandate maintenance of a minimum number of detention beds.

Requires that all detention facilities be inspected by the Secretary on an annual basis and by an independent (third party) auditor on a biannual basis.

Directs the Secretary to impose meaningful financial penalties upon facilities that fail to comply with applicable detention standards.

Actions Timeline

- **Jun 26, 2015:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Border Security.
- **Jun 1, 2015:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Border and Maritime Security.
- **May 13, 2015:** Introduced in House
- **May 13, 2015:** Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Homeland Security, 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.