

## HR 4078

Give States a Chance Act of 2015

**Congress:** 114 (2015–2017, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Immigration

**Introduced:** Nov 18, 2015

**Current Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Border Security.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Border Security. (Dec 4, 2015)

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Yoho, Ted S. [R-FL-3]

**Party:** Republican • **State:** FL • **Chamber:** House

### Cosponsors (13 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Jones, Walter B., Jr. [R-NC-3]	R · NC		Nov 18, 2015
Rep. Posey, Bill [R-FL-8]	R · FL		Nov 18, 2015
Rep. Babin, Brian [R-TX-36]	R · TX		Nov 30, 2015
Rep. Gosar, Paul A. [R-AZ-4]	R · AZ		Nov 30, 2015
Rep. Hardy, Crescent [R-NV-4]	R · NV		Nov 30, 2015
Rep. Huelskamp, Tim [R-KS-1]	R · KS		Nov 30, 2015
Rep. Moolenaar, John R. [R-MI-4]	R · MI		Nov 30, 2015
Rep. Ros-Lehtinen, Ileana [R-FL-27]	R · FL		Nov 30, 2015
Rep. Wilson, Joe [R-SC-2]	R · SC		Nov 30, 2015
Rep. Zinke, Ryan K. [R-MT-At Large]	R · MT		Nov 30, 2015
Rep. Miller, Jeff [R-FL-1]	R · FL		Dec 1, 2015
Rep. Scott, Austin [R-GA-8]	R · GA		Jan 12, 2016
Rep. Brooks, Mo [R-AL-5]	R · AL		Jul 18, 2016

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Dec 4, 2015

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Immigration

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 HR 3999	Related bill	<b>Dec 4, 2015:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Border Security.

## **Give States a Chance Act of 2015**

This bill authorizes the governor of any state in which it is proposed to place or resettle as a refugee an alien meeting certain criteria to refuse such placement or resettlement if the governor:

- has not properly been informed of the intended sponsorship process for the refugee,
- has determined that the proposed location for the refugee within the state is inappropriate because the proportion of refugees and comparable entrants in that location's population is too high, or
- is not reasonably satisfied that the refugee does not post a security threat.

A covered refugee may not be admitted to the United States until the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) certifies to Congress that he or she is not a U.S. security threat.

A "covered refugee" is any alien applying for U.S. refugee admission who:

- is a national or resident of Iraq or Syria,
- has no nationality and whose last habitual residence was in Iraq or Syria, or
- has been present in Iraq or Syria at any time on or after March 1, 2011.

The Inspector General of DHS shall review 20% of all certifications made each fiscal year.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) shall ensure that each covered refugee receives a thorough background investigation before admission. A covered refugee may not be admitted until the FBI certifies that such an investigation has been done.

## **Actions Timeline**

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- **Dec 4, 2015:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Border Security.
- **Nov 18, 2015:** Introduced in House
- **Nov 18, 2015:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.

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