

HR 4086

Security Verification for Refugees Act

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Foreign Affairs Committee	House	Referred To	Nov 19, 2015
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Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 HR 4038	Related bill	Jan 20, 2016: Cloture on the motion to proceed to the measure not invoked in Senate by Yea-Nay Vote. 55 - 43. Record Vote Number: 4. (consideration: CR S111; text: CR S111)

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This bill requires that, in addition to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) screening, the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) shall take all actions necessary to ensure that each covered alien receives a background investigation before U.S. refugee admission.

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

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

A covered alien:

- may not be admitted as a refugee until the FBI certifies to DHS and the Director of National Intelligence (DNI) that he or she has received a background investigation sufficient to determine whether the alien is a U.S. security threat; and
- may only be admitted to the United States after DHS, with the unanimous concurrence of the FBI and the DNI, certifies to Congress that he or she is not such a threat.

The Inspector General of DHS shall conduct annual risk-based reviews of all certifications.

DHS shall report monthly to Congress on the total number of admission applications for which a certification was made and the number of covered aliens for whom such a certification was not made for the preceding month. The report shall include for each covered alien for whom a certification was not made the concurrence or nonconcurrence of each person whose concurrence was required by the certification.

The Department of State shall submit annually to Congress:

- a list of each country, a national or resident of which submitted an application for U.S. refugee admission;
- an evaluation of the threat posed by aliens who are nationals or residents of each listed country; and
- a description of any presence of terrorism, human rights violations, human trafficking, drug trafficking, religious persecution, or other violations of international law, any presence of al Qaeda, Islamic State, or other terrorist groups, or any presence of transnational criminal organizations.

Actions Timeline

- **Dec 4, 2015:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Border Security.
- **Nov 19, 2015:** Introduced in House
- **Nov 19, 2015:** 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.