

HR 4646

Fair Day in Court for Kids Act of 2016

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Rep. Duckworth, Tammy [D-IL-8]	D · IL		Jun 8, 2016
Rep. Engel, Eliot L. [D-NY-16]	D · NY		Jun 8, 2016

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Rep. Lieu, Ted [D-CA-33]	D · CA		Jun 8, 2016
Rep. Maloney, Carolyn B. [D-NY-12]	D · NY		Jun 8, 2016
Rep. Brady, Robert A. [D-PA-1]	D · PA		Jun 9, 2016
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Rep. Blumenauer, Earl [D-OR-3]	D · OR		Nov 16, 2016
Rep. Lee, Barbara [D-CA-13]	D · CA		Nov 16, 2016

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Apr 1, 2016

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Immigration

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 HR 5850	Related bill	Sep 19, 2016: Referred to the Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary, and Secondary Education.
114 HR 5851	Related bill	Aug 17, 2016: Referred to the Subcommittee on Human Resources.
114 S 2540	Related bill	Feb 11, 2016: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (text of measure as introduced: CR S876-877)

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This bill amends the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA) to authorize the Department of Justice (DOJ) to appoint or provide counsel at government expense to aliens in removal proceedings.

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) shall provide an alien in removal proceedings with all relevant documents in its possession, unless the alien has knowingly waived the right to such documents. In the absence of a waiver a removal proceeding may not proceed until the alien has received, and had time to review, the documents.

DOJ may appoint or provide counsel to aliens in any INA proceeding.

DHS shall ensure that aliens have access to counsel inside all immigration detention and border facilities.

DOJ shall appoint counsel, at government expense if necessary, for an unaccompanied alien child or a particularly vulnerable individual. If DOJ has consolidated any such alien's case with that of any other alien, and that other alien does not have counsel, then the appointed counsel shall be appointed to represent the other alien as well.

DHS shall: (1) facilitate access to counsel for all aliens detained in facilities under the supervision of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement or of U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP); and (2) establish procedures to ensure that legal orientation programs are available for all detained aliens, including aliens held in CBP facilities.

DOJ shall develop and administer a two-year pilot program at not fewer than two immigration courts to grant access to legal information to non-detained aliens with pending asylum claims.

DHS shall establish a pilot program to increase the court appearance rates of unaccompanied alien children and particularly vulnerable individuals by contracting with nongovernmental, community-based organizations to provide such aliens with case management services. The pilot program shall not be used to monitor individuals designated as unaccompanied alien children under the Homeland Security Act.

If DOJ fails to appoint counsel for an unaccompanied alien child or vulnerable person: (1) no limitation pertaining to the filing of any motion to reopen the removal proceeding shall apply, and (2) the filing of such a motion shall stay the removal of the alien.

Actions Timeline

- **Apr 1, 2016:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Border Security.
- **Feb 26, 2016:** Introduced in House
- **Feb 26, 2016:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.