

## S 1720

### RAISE Act

**Congress:** 115 (2017–2019, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Immigration

**Introduced:** Aug 2, 2017

**Current Status:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

**Latest Action:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (Aug 2, 2017)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/115th-congress/senate-bill/1720>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Cotton, Tom [R-AR]

**Party:** Republican • **State:** AR • **Chamber:** Senate

### Cosponsors (2 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Perdue, David [R-GA]	R · GA		Aug 2, 2017
Sen. Wicker, Roger F. [R-MS]	R · MS		Nov 1, 2017

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Referred To	Aug 2, 2017

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Immigration

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 HR 3775	Related bill	<b>Sep 28, 2017:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Border Security.
115 S 354	Related bill	<b>Feb 13, 2017:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

## **Reforming American Immigration for a Strong Economy Act or the RAISE Act**

This bill amends the Immigration and Nationality Act to:

- eliminate the diversity visa program;
- replace the current employment visa system with a skills-based point system;
- revise the worldwide level of family-sponsored immigrants, including by eliminating certain family-based immigration preferences;
- establish a 50,000 annual limit for refugees given permanent resident status; and
- create a nonimmigrant visa for parents of U.S. citizen children who are at least 21 years old.

The bill prohibits an alien from being naturalized if his or her sponsor has not repaid the federal government for all means-tested public benefits received by the alien during the five-year period beginning on the date the alien was lawfully admitted for permanent residence.

### **Actions Timeline**

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