

## S 3091

Protect Kids and Parents Act

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**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Immigration

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**Latest Action:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (Jun 19, 2018)

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Cruz, Ted [R-TX]

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

### Cosponsors (21 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Barrasso, John [R-WY]	R · WY		Jun 19, 2018
Sen. Blunt, Roy [R-MO]	R · MO		Jun 19, 2018
Sen. Crapo, Mike [R-ID]	R · ID		Jun 19, 2018
Sen. Daines, Steve [R-MT]	R · MT		Jun 19, 2018
Sen. Ernst, Joni [R-IA]	R · IA		Jun 19, 2018
Sen. Hatch, Orrin G. [R-UT]	R · UT		Jun 19, 2018
Sen. Hoeven, John [R-ND]	R · ND		Jun 19, 2018
Sen. Inhofe, James M. [R-OK]	R · OK		Jun 19, 2018
Sen. Lee, Mike [R-UT]	R · UT		Jun 19, 2018
Sen. Risch, James E. [R-ID]	R · ID		Jun 19, 2018
Sen. Roberts, Pat [R-KS]	R · KS		Jun 19, 2018
Sen. Rounds, Mike [R-SD]	R · SD		Jun 19, 2018
Sen. Rubio, Marco [R-FL]	R · FL		Jun 19, 2018
Sen. Sasse, Ben [R-NE]	R · NE		Jun 19, 2018
Sen. Scott, Tim [R-SC]	R · SC		Jun 19, 2018
Sen. Toomey, Patrick [R-PA]	R · PA		Jun 19, 2018
Sen. Wicker, Roger F. [R-MS]	R · MS		Jun 19, 2018
Sen. Young, Todd [R-IN]	R · IN		Jun 19, 2018
Sen. Hyde-Smith, Cindy [R-MS]	R · MS		Jun 20, 2018
Sen. Kennedy, John [R-LA]	R · LA		Jun 20, 2018
Sen. Sullivan, Dan [R-AK]	R · AK		Jun 20, 2018

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jun 19, 2018

## Subjects & Policy Tags

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### Policy Area:

Immigration

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 HR 6195	Identical bill	<b>Aug 6, 2018:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Border Security.
115 HR 6183	Related bill	<b>Aug 2, 2018:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Border Security.

### Summary (as of Jun 19, 2018)

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#### Protect Kids and Parents Act

This bill requires that a child of alien parents or legal guardians who are asylum applicants must be detained in the same facility. A "child" is defined as an individual who has not reached the age of 18, has no permanent immigration status, and was in the custody and presence of a parent or legal guardian when the parent or legal guardian was detained for illegally entering the United States.

The bill also:

- directs the Department of Justice (DOJ) to increase the total number of immigration judges and Board of Immigration staff attorneys;
- directs Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to increase the total number of DHS personnel who process asylum applications;
- requires DOJ and DHS to establish procedures for expedited consideration and processing of asylum applications;
- requires expedited removal of asylum applicants whose applications have been denied;
- establishes a strong presumption in favor of family unity;
- requires DHS to publish guidance for locating separated children; and
- requires the Government Accountability Office to study, and report on, the prosecution of asylum seekers between January 1, 2008, and December 31, 2018.

### Actions Timeline

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