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FAMILIES Act

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Armed Forces and National Security

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Latest Action: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. (Sep 18, 2018)

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Sponsor

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

Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee	Senate	Referred To	Sep 18, 2018

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 S 1305	Related bill	Oct 12, 2018: Referred to the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.
115 HR 5869	Related bill	Sep 5, 2018: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
115 HR 6181	Related bill	Aug 2, 2018: Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Border Security.
115 HR 6190	Related bill	Aug 2, 2018: Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Border Security.
115 S 3093	Related bill	Jun 21, 2018: Read the second time. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 477.
115 S 146	Related bill	Apr 16, 2018: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 379.
115 S 1208	Related bill	Dec 22, 2017: Held at the desk.
115 HR 2595	Related bill	Dec 12, 2017: Ordered to be Reported by Voice Vote.
115 S 595	Related bill	Jul 24, 2017: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 179.
115 HR 2213	Related bill	Jun 8, 2017: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
115 HR 505	Related bill	Feb 1, 2017: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

Summary (as of Sep 18, 2018)

Fixing America's Marred Immigration Laws to Improve and Ensure Security or the FAMILIES Act

This bill requires the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to inspect the conditions of family detention centers. It also requires reporting to the congressional homeland security committees on family separation, care of unaccompanied alien children, and alternatives to detention.

DHS must (1) submit to Congress a maritime border threat analysis describing current and potential terrorism threats and improvements needed at U.S. sea ports, (2) develop a plan for managing its border security technology program, (3) provide for an option under the Secure Mail Initiative to have the U.S. Postal Service use the hold for pickup service or the signature confirmation service in delivering a document, (4) revise standards the hiring and retention of border patrol agents, and (5) provide for the care of alien children under the age of 18 who are in detention.

Actions Timeline

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