

HR 6135

Keep Families Together Act

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Immigration

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Current Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Border Security.

Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Border Security. (Jul 30, 2018)

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Rep. Krishnamoorthi, Raja [D-IL-8]	D · IL		Jun 19, 2018
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Rep. Levin, Sander M. [D-MI-9]	D · MI		Jun 19, 2018
Rep. Lewis, John [D-GA-5]	D · GA		Jun 19, 2018
Rep. Lieu, Ted [D-CA-33]	D · CA		Jun 19, 2018
Rep. Lipinski, Daniel [D-IL-3]	D · IL		Jun 19, 2018
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Rep. McCollum, Betty [D-MN-4]	D · MN		Jun 19, 2018
Rep. McEachin, A. Donald [D-VA-4]	D · VA		Jun 19, 2018
Rep. McGovern, James P. [D-MA-2]	D · MA		Jun 19, 2018
Rep. McNerney, Jerry [D-CA-9]	D · CA		Jun 19, 2018
Rep. Meeks, Gregory W. [D-NY-5]	D · NY		Jun 19, 2018
Rep. Meng, Grace [D-NY-6]	D · NY		Jun 19, 2018

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Rep. Napolitano, Grace F. [D-CA-32]	D · CA		Jun 19, 2018
Rep. Neal, Richard E. [D-MA-1]	D · MA		Jun 19, 2018
Rep. Nolan, Richard M. [D-MN-8]	D · MN		Jun 19, 2018
Rep. Norcross, Donald [D-NJ-1]	D · NJ		Jun 19, 2018
Rep. O'Halleran, Tom [D-AZ-1]	D · AZ		Jun 19, 2018
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Rep. Pascrell, Bill, Jr. [D-NJ-9]	D · NJ		Jun 19, 2018
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Rep. Perlmutter, Ed [D-CO-7]	D · CO		Jun 19, 2018
Rep. Peters, Scott H. [D-CA-52]	D · CA		Jun 19, 2018
Rep. Pingree, Chellie [D-ME-1]	D · ME		Jun 19, 2018
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Rep. Ryan, Tim [D-OH-13]	D · OH		Jun 19, 2018
Rep. Sánchez, Linda T. [D-CA-38]	D · CA		Jun 19, 2018
Rep. Sarbanes, John P. [D-MD-3]	D · MD		Jun 19, 2018
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Rep. Schneider, Bradley Scott [D-IL-10]	D · IL		Jun 19, 2018
Rep. Schrader, Kurt [D-OR-5]	D · OR		Jun 19, 2018
Rep. Scott, Robert C. "Bobby" [D-VA-3]	D · VA		Jun 19, 2018
Rep. Serrano, Jose E. [D-NY-15]	D · NY		Jun 19, 2018
Rep. Sewell, Terri A. [D-AL-7]	D · AL		Jun 19, 2018
Rep. Shea-Porter, Carol [D-NH-1]	D · NH		Jun 19, 2018
Rep. Sherman, Brad [D-CA-30]	D · CA		Jun 19, 2018
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Rep. Suozzi, Thomas R. [D-NY-3]	D · NY		Jun 19, 2018
Rep. Swalwell, Eric [D-CA-15]	D · CA		Jun 19, 2018
Rep. Takano, Mark [D-CA-41]	D · CA		Jun 19, 2018
Rep. Thompson, Bennie G. [D-MS-2]	D · MS		Jun 19, 2018
Rep. Thompson, Mike [D-CA-5]	D · CA		Jun 19, 2018
Rep. Titus, Dina [D-NV-1]	D · NV		Jun 19, 2018
Rep. Tonko, Paul [D-NY-20]	D · NY		Jun 19, 2018
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Rep. Vela, Filemon [D-TX-34]	D · TX		Jun 19, 2018
Rep. Velazquez, Nydia M. [D-NY-7]	D · NY		Jun 19, 2018
Rep. Visclosky, Peter J. [D-IN-1]	D · IN		Jun 19, 2018
Rep. Walz, Timothy J. [D-MN-1]	D · MN		Jun 19, 2018
Rep. Wasserman Schultz, Debbie [D-FL-23]	D · FL		Jun 19, 2018
Rep. Waters, Maxine [D-CA-43]	D · CA		Jun 19, 2018
Rep. Watson Coleman, Bonnie [D-NJ-12]	D · NJ		Jun 19, 2018
Rep. Welch, Peter [D-VT-At Large]	D · VT		Jun 19, 2018
Rep. Wilson, Frederica S. [D-FL-24]	D · FL		Jun 19, 2018
Rep. Yarmuth, John A. [D-KY-3]	D · KY		Jun 19, 2018
Rep. Gottheimer, Josh [D-NJ-5]	D · NJ		Jun 20, 2018
Rep. Scott, David [D-GA-13]	D · GA		Jun 20, 2018
Rep. Sinema, Kyrsten [D-AZ-9]	D · AZ		Jun 20, 2018
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Rep. Scanlon, Mary Gay [D-PA-7]	D · PA		Dec 10, 2018

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Homeland Security Committee	House	Referred to	Jun 27, 2018
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Jul 30, 2018

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Immigration

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 S 3036	Related bill	Jun 7, 2018: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Keep Families Together Act

This bill prohibits an agent or contractor of the Department of Homeland Security, the Department of Justice, or the Department of Health and Human Services from removing a child who is under the age of 18 and has no permanent immigration status from his or her parent or legal guardian at or near the port of entry or within 100 miles of the U.S. border unless:

- an authorized state court determines that it is in the child's best interests to be removed;
- a state or county child welfare official with expertise in child trauma and development determines that it is in the child's best interests to be removed because of abuse or neglect; or
- the Chief Patrol Agent or the Area Port Director authorizes separation based on a documented finding that the child is a trafficking victim or is at significant risk of becoming a victim, a strong likelihood exists that the adult is not the parent or legal guardian, or the child is in danger of abuse or neglect.

A child may not be removed from a parent or guardian unless an independent licensed child welfare expert authorizes the separation within 48 hours of such removal.

An agency may not remove a child from a parent or legal guardian solely for the policy goals of deterring migration to the United States or of promoting immigration law compliance.

The bill sets forth presumptions: (1) in favor of family and sibling unity and parental rights, and (2) that detention is not in the best interests of families and children.

The bill limits the prosecution of asylum seekers.

Actions Timeline

- **Jul 30, 2018:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Border Security.
- **Jun 27, 2018:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Border and Maritime Security.
- **Jun 19, 2018:** Introduced in House
- **Jun 19, 2018:** Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Homeland Security, 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.