

## HR 6136

### Border Security and Immigration Reform Act of 2018

**Congress:** 115 (2017–2019, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Immigration

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**Current Status:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.

**Latest Action:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection. (Jun 27, 2018)

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## Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Goodlatte, Bob [R-VA-6]

**Party:** Republican • **State:** VA • **Chamber:** House

## Cosponsors (11 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Curbelo, Carlos [R-FL-26]	R · FL		Jun 19, 2018
Rep. Denham, Jeff [R-CA-10]	R · CA		Jun 19, 2018
Rep. McCaul, Michael T. [R-TX-10]	R · TX		Jun 19, 2018
Rep. Bacon, Don [R-NE-2]	R · NE		Jun 20, 2018
Rep. Diaz-Balart, Mario [R-FL-25]	R · FL		Jun 20, 2018
Rep. Katko, John [R-NY-24]	R · NY		Jun 20, 2018
Rep. Messer, Luke [R-IN-6]	R · IN		Jun 20, 2018
Rep. Moolenaar, John R. [R-MI-4]	R · MI		Jun 20, 2018
Rep. Newhouse, Dan [R-WA-4]	R · WA		Jun 20, 2018
Rep. Stivers, Steve [R-OH-15]	R · OH		Jun 20, 2018
Rep. Flores, Bill [R-TX-17]	R · TX		Jun 21, 2018

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Agriculture Committee	House	Referred To	Jun 19, 2018
Armed Services Committee	House	Referred To	Jun 19, 2018
Budget Committee	House	Referred To	Jun 19, 2018
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred To	Jun 19, 2018
Foreign Affairs Committee	House	Referred To	Jun 19, 2018
Homeland Security Committee	House	Referred To	Jun 19, 2018
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred To	Jun 19, 2018
Natural Resources Committee	House	Referred To	Jun 19, 2018
Oversight and Government Reform Committee	House	Referred To	Jun 19, 2018
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Referred to	Jun 20, 2018
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Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred To	Jun 19, 2018

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Immigration

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 HR 6439	Related bill	Dec 5, 2018: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 724.
115 HR 7068	Related bill	Nov 15, 2018: Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Border Security.
115 HR 6742	Related bill	Sep 26, 2018: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
115 HR 6691	Related bill	Sep 12, 2018: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.
115 HR 6204	Related bill	Aug 2, 2018: Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Border Security.
115 HRES 953	Procedurally related	Jun 21, 2018: Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.

## **Border Security and Immigration Reform Act of 2018**

This bill directs the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to achieve situational awareness and operational control of the border, including by increasing enforcement personnel.

The bill provides funding for infrastructure, law enforcement, and border security, including funds for a border wall along the southern border.

The bill provides for: (1) an Integrated Border Enforcement Team Program within DHS; (2) Tunnel Task Forces; (3) a pilot program on the use of electromagnetic spectrum to support border control operations; (4) a Biometric Identification Transnational Migration Alert Program; (5) construction of new border ports of entry; (6) a biometric exit data system at certain airports, seaports, and land ports of entry; (7) electronic passport screening and biometric matching; and (8) protections for children apprehended at the border from parental separation and for children in DHS custody.

DHS may provide assistance to a foreign country to address migrant flows affecting the United States.

DHS may provide six-year renewable contingent nonimmigrant status for certain aliens who were under the age of 16 when they first entered the United States. Adjustment to immigrant status is provided based on a point system. Children of long-term temporary foreign workers are also eligible for such status adjustment.

DHS may designate certain groups as a criminal gang. Such individuals may not seek asylum, withholding of removal, or temporary protected status.

Indemnification is provided for law enforcement entities sued for complying with DHS detainers. DHS detainer authority is revised.

The bill creates a private right of action against a state or local jurisdiction that declines to honor a DHS detainer for a convicted illegal alien who then commits murder, rape, or sexual abuse of a minor.

The bill eliminates: (1) the diversity visa program, (2) certain family-based visa categories, and (3) the per-country limit for employment-based immigrants. The per-country limit for family based-immigrants is increased.

Asylum and visa screening provisions are revised.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Jun 27, 2018:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H5765-5767)
- **Jun 27, 2018:** Mr. Espaillat moved to recommit with instructions to the Committee on the Judiciary. (text: CR H5766)
- **Jun 27, 2018:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the motion to recommit with instructions. The instructions contained in the motion seek to require the bill to be reported back to the House with an amendment to add a new section to the bill prohibiting an officer or employee of the United States to detain an alien who entered the United States with the alien's child who is under 18 years old separately from the child for the purpose of deterring immigration, notwithstanding any other provision of law, judicial determination, consent decree, or settlement agreement.
- **Jun 27, 2018:** The previous question on the motion to recommit with instructions was ordered without objection.
- **Jun 27, 2018:** On motion to recommit with instructions Failed by recorded vote: 190 - 230 (Roll no. 296).
- **Jun 27, 2018:** Failed of passage/not agreed to in House: On passage Failed by recorded vote: 121 - 301 (Roll no. 297).
- **Jun 27, 2018:** On passage Failed by recorded vote: 121 - 301 (Roll no. 297).
- **Jun 27, 2018:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Jun 21, 2018:** Rule H. Res. 953 passed House.
- **Jun 21, 2018:** Considered under the provisions of rule H. Res. 953. (consideration: CR H5450-5488; text: CR H5450-5451)
- **Jun 21, 2018:** Rule provides for consideration of H.R. 6136 with 1 hour of general debate. Motion to recommit allowed. Rule provides for consideration of H.R. 6136 under a closed rule.
- **Jun 21, 2018:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with one hour of debate on H.R. 6136.
- **Jun 21, 2018:** The previous question was ordered pursuant to the rule.
- **Jun 21, 2018:** POSTPONED PROCEEDINGS - Pursuant to clause 1(c) of Rule 19, further consideration of H.R. 6136 is postponed until a time to be announced.
- **Jun 20, 2018:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Aviation.
- **Jun 20, 2018:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation.
- **Jun 20, 2018:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management.
- **Jun 20, 2018:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Highways and Transit.
- **Jun 20, 2018:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials.
- **Jun 20, 2018:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment.
- **Jun 20, 2018:** Rules Committee Resolution H. Res. 953 Reported to House. Rule provides for consideration of H.R. 6136 with 1 hour of general debate. Motion to recommit allowed. Rule provides for consideration of H.R. 6136 under a closed rule.
- **Jun 19, 2018:** Introduced in House
- **Jun 19, 2018:** Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committees on Homeland Security, Agriculture, Natural Resources, Transportation and Infrastructure, Ways and Means, Energy and Commerce, Armed Services, Foreign Affairs, the Budget, and Oversight and Government Reform, 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.