

HR 6173

To amend section 235 of the William Wilberforce Trafficking Victims Protection Reauthorization Act of 2008 to clarify the standards for family detention, and for other purposes.

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Immigration

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Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Border Security. (Aug 2, 2018)

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Sponsor

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Homeland Security Committee	House	Referred to	Jun 29, 2018
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Aug 2, 2018

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Immigration

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 HR 7068	Related bill	Nov 15, 2018: Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Border Security.
115 HR 6204	Related bill	Aug 2, 2018: Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Border Security.
115 HR 6470	Related bill	Jul 23, 2018: Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 667.

This bill amends the William Wilberforce Trafficking Victims Protection Reauthorization Act of 2008 to provide that the detention of any alien child who is not an unaccompanied alien child shall be governed by provisions of the Immigration and Nationality Act relating to visa waiver program temporary nonimmigrant tourists. There is no presumption that an alien child who is not an unaccompanied alien child should not be detained, and all such determinations shall be in the discretion of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS).

DHS may not release an alien minor who is not an unaccompanied alien child to any individual other than a parent or legal guardian.

DHS shall detain aliens charged with an improper entry misdemeanor with their children under the age of 18 while the charges are pending.

Actions Timeline

- **Aug 2, 2018:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Border Security.
- **Jun 29, 2018:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Border and Maritime Security.
- **Jun 21, 2018:** Introduced in House
- **Jun 21, 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.