

HR 6181

Keep Families Together and Enforce the Law Act

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Sponsor

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Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Aug 2, 2018

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 S 3478	Related bill	Sep 18, 2018: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
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.

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This bill amends the Immigration and Nationality Act to authorize the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to extend protective custody over alien children under age 18 who are accompanied by a parent and were apprehended at the border or are seeking admission to the United States at a port of entry. DHS must temporarily house an alien child in a DHS family residential center during the pendency of civil or criminal proceedings.

DHS must (1) increase the number of available beds in family residential centers; and (2) secure the written permission of the governor of a state and the congressional delegation representing the state and the district in which any new immigration detention site, including any proposed new family residential center site, is proposed to be located prior to the construction or operation of such site.

The Department of Justice must increase the number of immigration judge teams to conduct prioritized proceedings for accompanied alien children and families apprehended at the southwest border or who are seeking admission to the United States at a port of entry.

Actions Timeline

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