

HR 6304

Reunifying Separated Families Act of 2018

Congress: 115 (2017–2019, Ended)

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. (Aug 6, 2018)

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Crist, Charlie [D-FL-13]

Party: Democratic • State: FL • Chamber: House

Cosponsors (10 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Del. Norton, Eleanor Holmes [D-DC-At Large]	D · DC		Jul 3, 2018
Rep. Crowley, Joseph [D-NY-14]	D · NY		Jul 3, 2018
Rep. Hastings, Alcee L. [D-FL-20]	D · FL		Jul 3, 2018
Rep. Huffman, Jared [D-CA-2]	D · CA		Jul 3, 2018
Rep. Lawson, Al, Jr. [D-FL-5]	D · FL		Jul 3, 2018
Rep. Maloney, Sean Patrick [D-NY-18]	D · NY		Jul 3, 2018
Rep. Soto, Darren [D-FL-9]	D · FL		Jul 3, 2018
Rep. Wasserman Schultz, Debbie [D-FL-23]	D · FL		Jul 3, 2018
Rep. Wilson, Frederica S. [D-FL-24]	D · FL		Jul 3, 2018
Rep. Castor, Kathy [D-FL-14]	D · FL		Jul 17, 2018

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Homeland Security Committee	House	Referred to	Jul 16, 2018
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Aug 6, 2018

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Immigration

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 HR 6183	Related bill	Aug 2, 2018: Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Border Security.

## Reunifying Separated Families Act of 2018

This bill directs the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to reunite each alien child (i.e., under age 18 and no permanent immigration status) who was separated from a parent or legal guardian on or after April 6, 2018, unless a state court or child welfare agency determines that it is in the best interests of the child to remain separated from a parent or legal guardian or there are DHS findings of trafficking or abuse. DHS is subject to a fine of \$1,000 per child for each day such child is not reunited with a parent.

The bill prohibits an agent or officer of DHS, the Department of Justice, or the Department of Health and Human Services from removing a child from a parent or legal guardian at or near a port of entry or within 100 miles of the border, unless a state court, child welfare agency, or the Chief Patrol Agent or the Area Port Director make findings relating to the best interests of the child or the threat of trafficking or abuse. No such agent or officer may separate a child from a parent or legal guardian solely for the policy goals of deterring individuals from migrating to the United States or for promoting compliance with civil immigration laws.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Aug 6, 2018:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Border Security.
- **Jul 16, 2018:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Border and Maritime Security.
- **Jul 3, 2018:** Introduced in House
- **Jul 3, 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.