

HR 6439

Biometric Identification Transnational Migration Alert Program Authorization Act of 2018

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Sponsor

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

Cosponsors (12 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Bacon, Don [R-NE-2]	R · NE		Jul 19, 2018
Rep. Donovan, Daniel M., Jr. [R-NY-11]	R · NY		Jul 19, 2018
Rep. Fitzpatrick, Brian K. [R-PA-8]	R · PA		Jul 19, 2018
Rep. Higgins, Clay [R-LA-3]	R · LA		Jul 19, 2018
Rep. Katko, John [R-NY-24]	R · NY		Jul 19, 2018
Rep. Keating, William R. [D-MA-9]	D · MA		Jul 19, 2018
Rep. King, Peter T. [R-NY-2]	R · NY		Jul 19, 2018
Rep. Lesko, Debbie [R-AZ-8]	R · AZ		Jul 19, 2018
Rep. McSally, Martha [R-AZ-2]	R · AZ		Jul 19, 2018
Rep. Rogers, Mike D. [R-AL-3]	R · AL		Jul 19, 2018
Rep. Gallagher, Mike [R-WI-8]	R · WI		Jul 23, 2018
Rep. Ratcliffe, John [R-TX-4]	R · TX		Jul 23, 2018

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee	Senate	Reported By	Dec 5, 2018
Homeland Security Committee	House	Reported By	Aug 28, 2018

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Emergency Management

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 HR 6415	Related bill	Sep 19, 2018: Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Border Security.
115 HR 6136	Related bill	Jun 27, 2018: Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.

Summary (as of Sep 4, 2018)

Biometric Identification Transnational Migration Alert Program Authorization Act of 2018

(Sec. 2) This bill amends the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to provide statutory authority for the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Biometric Identification Transnational Migration Alert Program (BITMAP). That program was established to address and reduce national security, border security, and terrorist threats before such threats reach the international border of the United States.

In carrying out BITMAP operations, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement must: (1) coordinate foreign and U.S. officials to facilitate the sharing of biometric and biographic information of foreign nationals to identify and screen such nationals for terrorism and threats to national or border security; (2) provide capabilities, including training and equipment, to collect and compare biometric and biographic identification data of foreign nationals to protect against national security, border security, or terrorist threats and illegal entries; and (3) ensure that such data are incorporated into appropriate government databases.

Before carrying out BITMAP operations in a foreign country, DHS must enter into an agreement with the government of such country that outlines such operations and must provide the congressional homeland security committees with a copy of the agreement.

Actions Timeline

- **Dec 5, 2018:** Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. Reported by Senator Johnson with amendments. With written report No. 115-419.
- **Dec 5, 2018:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 724.
- **Sep 26, 2018:** Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. Ordered to be reported with an amendment favorably.
- **Sep 5, 2018:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
- **Sep 4, 2018:** Mr. McCaul moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill.
- **Sep 4, 2018:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR S7786-7789)
- **Sep 4, 2018:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 6439.
- **Sep 4, 2018:** At the conclusion of debate, the Yeas and Nays were demanded and ordered. Pursuant to the provisions of clause 8, rule XX, the Chair announced that further proceedings on the motion would be postponed.
- **Sep 4, 2018:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR S7806)
- **Sep 4, 2018:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 272 - 119 (Roll no. 381).(text: CR H7786-7787)
- **Sep 4, 2018:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 272 - 119 (Roll no. 381). (text: CR H7786-7787)
- **Sep 4, 2018:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Aug 28, 2018:** Reported by the Committee on Homeland Security. H. Rept. 115-909.
- **Aug 28, 2018:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 705.
- **Jul 24, 2018:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Jul 24, 2018:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Unanimous Consent.
- **Jul 19, 2018:** introduced in House
- **Jul 19, 2018:** Referred to the House Committee on Homeland Security.