

HR 7047

Child Trafficking Victims Protection and Welfare Act

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Immigration

Introduced: Oct 5, 2018

Current Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Border Security.

Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Border Security. (Nov 15, 2018)

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Sponsor

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Rep. DeLauro, Rosa L. [D-CT-3]	D · CT		Oct 12, 2018
Rep. Napolitano, Grace F. [D-CA-32]	D · CA		Oct 12, 2018

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Appropriations Committee	House	Referred To	Oct 5, 2018
Foreign Affairs Committee	House	Referred To	Oct 5, 2018
Homeland Security Committee	House	Referred to	Oct 24, 2018
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Nov 15, 2018

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Immigration

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 S 3558	Related bill	Oct 5, 2018: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Child Trafficking Victims Protection and Welfare Act

This bill directs the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), in consultation with experts in child development and welfare and pediatric medicine, to develop guidelines for the treatment of children (under age 18 with no permanent immigration status) in the custody of the U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP). DHS must provide resources and trained staff to address the needs of such children, including child welfare professionals, at each port of entry and Border Patrol station.

DHS may not remove a child from a parent or legal guardian solely for the purpose of deterring individuals from migrating to the United States or for promoting compliance with the immigration laws.

DHS must (1) assign a family unit tracking number to each family member apprehended at the border, (2) allow humanitarian organizations and state and local welfare agencies to monitor children in detention, (3) promulgate regulations establishing basic standards of care for the short-term custody of children by CBP, (4) ensure that children apprehended by CBP receive an interview and screening with a child welfare professional and are provided information about their rights under the immigration laws, and (5) provide each apprehended parent or legal guardian and each child with access to legal counsel.

Actions Timeline

- **Nov 15, 2018:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Border Security.
- **Oct 24, 2018:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Border and Maritime Security.
- **Oct 5, 2018:** Introduced in House
- **Oct 5, 2018:** Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committees on Homeland Security, Appropriations, and Foreign Affairs, 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.

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