

## S 1088

GRACE Act

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Sen. Sanders, Bernard [I-VT]	I · VT		Jun 24, 2019
Sen. Coons, Christopher A. [D-DE]	D · DE		Jul 9, 2019
Sen. Feinstein, Dianne [D-CA]	D · CA		Jul 9, 2019
Sen. Menendez, Robert [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Jul 10, 2019
Sen. Cardin, Benjamin L. [D-MD]	D · MD		Jul 24, 2019
Sen. Whitehouse, Sheldon [D-RI]	D · RI		Jul 25, 2019
Sen. Reed, Jack [D-RI]	D · RI		Jul 30, 2019
Sen. Kaine, Tim [D-VA]	D · VA		Aug 1, 2019
Sen. Gillibrand, Kirsten E. [D-NY]	D · NY		Oct 15, 2019
Sen. Baldwin, Tammy [D-WI]	D · WI		Oct 17, 2019
Sen. Brown, Sherrod [D-OH]	D · OH		Nov 19, 2019
Sen. Warren, Elizabeth [D-MA]	D · MA		Dec 2, 2019
Sen. Bennet, Michael F. [D-CO]	D · CO		Jan 15, 2020
Sen. Warner, Mark R. [D-VA]	D · VA		Dec 21, 2020

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Referred To	Apr 9, 2019

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Immigration

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 5210	Related bill	<b>Dec 19, 2019:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Citizenship.
116 S 2936	Related bill	<b>Nov 21, 2019:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.
116 HR 2146	Identical bill	<b>May 15, 2019:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Citizenship.

## **Guaranteed Refugee Admission Ceiling Enhancement Act or the GRACE Act**

This bill establishes that the maximum number of refugees admitted each fiscal year shall be no less than 95,000 and that the maximum number shall be treated as the numerical goal for refugee admissions for the applicable fiscal year. The President may set a higher number if it is justified by humanitarian concerns or is otherwise in the national interest.

Currently, the number admitted each fiscal year may not exceed 50,000 unless the President determines that a higher number is justified by humanitarian concerns or is otherwise in the national interest.

The bill directs the President to take into consideration information from the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees when establishing the maximum admission number and making certain other related decisions. The President shall report to Congress quarterly on (1) the number of refugees admitted during the preceding quarter, (2) the number of aliens who were security-cleared during the preceding quarter, (3) a plan to reach the numerical goal for admitted refugees for that fiscal year, and (4) other related information.

## **Actions Timeline**

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