

## HR 1399

### Accountability Through Electronic Verification Act

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Immigration

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**Current Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Citizenship.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Citizenship. (Apr 8, 2019)

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## Sponsor

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

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Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Babin, Brian [R-TX-36]	R · TX		Feb 27, 2019
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Rep. Crawford, Eric A. "Rick" [R-AR-1]	R · AR		Feb 27, 2019
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Rep. Duncan, Jeff [R-SC-3]	R · SC		Feb 27, 2019
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Rep. Gaetz, Matt [R-FL-1]	R · FL		Feb 27, 2019
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Rep. Hunter, Duncan D. [R-CA-50]	R · CA		Feb 27, 2019
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Rep. Norman, Ralph [R-SC-5]	R · SC		Feb 27, 2019
Rep. Posey, Bill [R-FL-8]	R · FL		Feb 27, 2019
Rep. Guest, Michael [R-MS-3]	R · MS		Mar 4, 2019
Rep. Perry, Scott [R-PA-10]	R · PA		Mar 4, 2019
Rep. McClinton, Tom [R-CA-4]	R · CA		Mar 6, 2019
Rep. Gooden, Lance [R-TX-5]	R · TX		Apr 9, 2019
Rep. Cook, Paul [R-CA-8]	R · CA		Apr 29, 2019
Rep. Carter, Earl L. "Buddy" [R-GA-1]	R · GA		May 7, 2019

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Referred To	Feb 27, 2019
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Apr 8, 2019
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred To	Feb 27, 2019

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Immigration

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 S 556	Identical bill	Feb 26, 2019: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

## Summary (as of Feb 27, 2019)

### Accountability Through Electronic Verification Act

This bill expands the E-Verify program by requiring all employers to use it, and permanently reauthorizes the program. Currently, E-Verify use is voluntary for most employers, although some states mandate its use.

All employers shall use E-Verify to confirm the identity and employment eligibility of all recruited, referred, or hired individuals, including current employees who were never verified under the program. Failure to use E-Verify shall create a rebuttable presumption that the employer is violating immigration law.

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) shall generate weekly reports about individuals who have received a final non-confirmation of employment eligibility. The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) shall use the report to enforce immigration laws.

DHS shall establish a program to help certain small businesses verify employee eligibility. DHS shall also update E-Verify's design to help prevent and detect fraud and identity theft.

The bill increases civil and criminal penalties for hiring unauthorized aliens. DHS shall debar repeat offenders and those criminally convicted from holding federal contracts, grants, or cooperative agreements.

The Social Security Administration, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, and DHS shall jointly establish a program to share information to help identify unauthorized aliens.

The bill establishes the Employer Compliance Inspection Center within Homeland Security Investigations of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE). The center's duties include processing I-9 employment eligibility verification forms and ensuring compliance with employment eligibility laws.

DHS shall report to Congress on ways to simplify procedures relating to I-9 forms, and on whether the I-9 process should be eliminated.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Apr 8, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Citizenship.
- **Feb 27, 2019:** Introduced in House
- **Feb 27, 2019:** Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committees on Education and Labor, and Ways and Means, 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.