

HR 1645

VOICES Act of 2019

Congress: 116 (2019–2021, Ended)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: Crime and Law Enforcement

Introduced: Mar 8, 2019

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

Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Citizenship. (Apr 12, 2019)

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Ratcliffe, John [R-TX-4]

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

Cosponsors (13 total)

| Cosponsor | Party / State | Role | Date Joined |
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| Rep. Arrington, Jodey C. [R-TX-19] | R · TX | | Mar 8, 2019 |
| Rep. Babin, Brian [R-TX-36] | R · TX | | Mar 8, 2019 |
| Rep. Biggs, Andy [R-AZ-5] | R · AZ | | Mar 8, 2019 |
| Rep. Brooks, Mo [R-AL-5] | R · AL | | Mar 8, 2019 |
| Rep. Burgess, Michael C. [R-TX-26] | R · TX | | Mar 8, 2019 |
| Rep. Cloud, Michael [R-TX-27] | R · TX | | Mar 8, 2019 |
| Rep. Gaetz, Matt [R-FL-1] | R · FL | | Mar 8, 2019 |
| Rep. Guest, Michael [R-MS-3] | R · MS | | Mar 8, 2019 |
| Rep. McClintock, Tom [R-CA-4] | R · CA | | Mar 8, 2019 |
| Rep. McKinley, David B. [R-WV-1] | R · WV | | Mar 8, 2019 |
| Rep. Wright, Ron [R-TX-6] | R · TX | | Mar 8, 2019 |
| Rep. Yoho, Ted S. [R-FL-3] | R · FL | | Mar 8, 2019 |
| Rep. Calvert, Ken [R-CA-42] | R · CA | | Jul 18, 2019 |

Committee Activity

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| Judiciary Committee | House | Referred to | Apr 12, 2019 |
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Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Mar 8, 2019)

Peter, Ellie, and Grayson Victims of Illegal Criminal Entry Act of 2019 or the VOICES Act of 2019

This bill establishes new criminal offenses and penalties related to illegal reentry into the United States after deportation or removal.

Specifically, the bill establishes new offenses for unlawfully reentering and subsequently committing an act that results in injury to or death of another person. A violator is subject to a 10- or 20-year mandatory minimum prison term.

Additionally, with respect to a defendant convicted of any illegal reentry offense, the bill prohibits

- the concurrent service of the federal sentence with a state sentence, and
- the reduction of the federal sentence by the amount of time spent in state prison.

Actions Timeline

- **Apr 12, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.
- **Apr 12, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Citizenship.
- **Mar 8, 2019:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 8, 2019:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.