

HR 2217

Families, Not Facilities Act of 2019

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Rep. Smith, Adam [D-WA-9]	D · WA		Apr 10, 2019
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Rep. Cummings, Elijah E. [D-MD-7]	D · MD		Apr 18, 2019
Rep. Garcia, Sylvia R. [D-TX-29]	D · TX		Apr 18, 2019
Rep. Mucarsel-Powell, Debbie [D-FL-26]	D · FL		Apr 18, 2019
Rep. Shalala, Donna E. [D-FL-27]	D · FL		Apr 18, 2019
Rep. Pressley, Ayanna [D-MA-7]	D · MA		Sep 6, 2019
Rep. Napolitano, Grace F. [D-CA-32]	D · CA		Jun 18, 2020

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Appropriations Committee	House	Referred To	Apr 10, 2019
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	May 20, 2019

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Immigration

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 S 388	Related bill	Feb 7, 2019: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Summary (as of Apr 10, 2019)

Families, Not Facilities Act of 2019

This bill amends provisions related to the safety of minor aliens who enter the United States unaccompanied by a guardian.

When placing an unaccompanied alien child with a proposed custodian, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) shall not consider the custodian's immigration status. DHS shall not use certain information obtained for placing a child with a custodian to apprehend, detain, or deport certain individuals, including the child, proposed sponsor, or a person living with the sponsor.

The Office of Refugee Settlement shall provide services for unaccompanied alien children after they have been released to help them transition into their communities and to connect them with legal representation. Money appropriated to the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) for FY2019 shall be redirected to fund such services.

Other money appropriated for ICE shall be redirected to various programs to inspect detention facilities and bolster efforts to prevent child trafficking.

This bill also establishes the Office of Refugee Resettlement Advisory Committee on Shelters for Unaccompanied Alien Children. The advisory committee may conduct unannounced inspections of Office of Refugee Settlement shelters that hold unaccompanied alien children and shall issue reports on its investigations and recommendations regarding the shelters.

Actions Timeline

- **May 20, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Citizenship.
- **Apr 10, 2019:** Introduced in House
- **Apr 10, 2019:** Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Appropriations, 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.