

HR 2731

Adoptee Citizenship Act of 2019

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Smith, Adam [D-WA-9]

Party: Democratic • **State:** WA • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors (96 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Lofgren, Zoe [D-CA-19]	D · CA		May 14, 2019
Rep. Smith, Christopher H. [R-NJ-4]	R · NJ		May 14, 2019
Rep. Woodall, Rob [R-GA-7]	R · GA		May 14, 2019
Rep. Chu, Judy [D-CA-27]	D · CA		Jul 5, 2019
Rep. Fitzpatrick, Brian K. [R-PA-1]	R · PA		Jul 5, 2019
Rep. Kim, Andy [D-NJ-3]	D · NJ		Jul 5, 2019
Rep. Lamborn, Doug [R-CO-5]	R · CO		Jul 5, 2019
Rep. Palmer, Gary J. [R-AL-6]	R · AL		Jul 5, 2019
Rep. Phillips, Dean [D-MN-3]	D · MN		Jul 5, 2019
Rep. Bacon, Don [R-NE-2]	R · NE		Jul 15, 2019
Rep. Balderson, Troy [R-OH-12]	R · OH		Jul 15, 2019
Rep. Jayapal, Pramila [D-WA-7]	D · WA		Jul 15, 2019
Rep. Welch, Peter [D-VT-At Large]	D · VT		Jul 15, 2019
Rep. Cisneros, Gilbert Ray, Jr. [D-CA-39]	D · CA		Jul 30, 2019
Rep. Cloud, Michael [R-TX-27]	R · TX		Jul 30, 2019
Rep. Davis, Rodney [R-IL-13]	R · IL		Sep 9, 2019
Rep. Heck, Denny [D-WA-10]	D · WA		Sep 9, 2019
Rep. Huizenga, Bill [R-MI-2]	R · MI		Sep 9, 2019
Rep. King, Peter T. [R-NY-2]	R · NY		Sep 9, 2019
Rep. Nadler, Jerrold [D-NY-10]	D · NY		Sep 9, 2019
Rep. Peters, Scott H. [D-CA-52]	D · CA		Sep 9, 2019
Rep. Porter, Katie [D-CA-45]	D · CA		Sep 9, 2019
Rep. Upton, Fred [R-MI-6]	R · MI		Sep 9, 2019
Rep. Meng, Grace [D-NY-6]	D · NY		Oct 17, 2019
Rep. Wright, Ron [R-TX-6]	R · TX		Oct 17, 2019
Rep. Biggs, Andy [R-AZ-5]	R · AZ		Oct 28, 2019
Rep. Fortenberry, Jeff [R-NE-1]	R · NE		Oct 28, 2019
Rep. Himes, James A. [D-CT-4]	D · CT		Oct 28, 2019
Rep. Schneider, Bradley Scott [D-IL-10]	D · IL		Oct 28, 2019
Rep. Castro, Joaquin [D-TX-20]	D · TX		Nov 12, 2019
Rep. Kelly, Trent [R-MS-1]	R · MS		Nov 12, 2019
Rep. Schrier, Kim [D-WA-8]	D · WA		Nov 21, 2019
Rep. Sherman, Brad [D-CA-30]	D · CA		Nov 21, 2019
Rep. Stauber, Pete [R-MN-8]	R · MN		Nov 21, 2019
Rep. Tipton, Scott R. [R-CO-3]	R · CO		Nov 21, 2019
Rep. McMorris Rodgers, Cathy [R-WA-5]	R · WA		Dec 9, 2019
Rep. Raskin, Jamie [D-MD-8]	D · MD		Dec 9, 2019
Rep. Rose, Max [D-NY-11]	D · NY		Dec 13, 2019
Rep. Stivers, Steve [R-OH-15]	R · OH		Dec 13, 2019
Rep. Blunt Rochester, Lisa [D-DE-At Large]	D · DE		Dec 16, 2019
Rep. Mullin, Markwayne [R-OK-2]	R · OK		Dec 16, 2019

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Rep. Bost, Mike [R-IL-12]	R · IL		Feb 11, 2020
Rep. Lieu, Ted [D-CA-33]	D · CA		Feb 12, 2020
Rep. Bass, Karen [D-CA-37]	D · CA		Feb 27, 2020
Rep. Gosar, Paul A. [R-AZ-4]	R · AZ		Feb 27, 2020
Rep. McBath, Lucy [D-GA-6]	D · GA		Feb 27, 2020
Rep. Stewart, Chris [R-UT-2]	R · UT		Feb 27, 2020
Rep. Katko, John [R-NY-24]	R · NY		Feb 28, 2020
Rep. Neguse, Joe [D-CO-2]	D · CO		Feb 28, 2020
Rep. Pingree, Chellie [D-ME-1]	D · ME		Mar 4, 2020
Rep. Schweikert, David [R-AZ-6]	R · AZ		Mar 4, 2020
Rep. Baird, James R. [R-IN-4]	R · IN		Mar 10, 2020
Rep. Garcia, Sylvia R. [D-TX-29]	D · TX		Mar 10, 2020
Rep. Lesko, Debbie [R-AZ-8]	R · AZ		Mar 10, 2020
Rep. Moore, Gwen [D-WI-4]	D · WI		Mar 10, 2020
Rep. Curtis, John R. [R-UT-3]	R · UT		Apr 10, 2020
Rep. Olson, Pete [R-TX-22]	R · TX		Apr 10, 2020
Rep. Pocan, Mark [D-WI-2]	D · WI		Apr 10, 2020
Rep. Schiff, Adam B. [D-CA-28]	D · CA		Apr 10, 2020
Rep. Schakowsky, Janice D. [D-IL-9]	D · IL		Jun 4, 2020
Rep. Steil, Bryan [R-WI-1]	R · WI		Jun 4, 2020
Del. Norton, Eleanor Holmes [D-DC-At Large]	D · DC		Sep 15, 2020
Rep. Axne, Cynthia [D-IA-3]	D · IA		Sep 15, 2020
Rep. Blumenauer, Earl [D-OR-3]	D · OR		Sep 15, 2020
Rep. Cicilline, David N. [D-RI-1]	D · RI		Sep 15, 2020
Rep. Davis, Susan A. [D-CA-53]	D · CA		Sep 15, 2020
Rep. DelBene, Suzan K. [D-WA-1]	D · WA		Sep 15, 2020
Rep. Foster, Bill [D-IL-11]	D · IL		Sep 15, 2020
Rep. Gomez, Jimmy [D-CA-34]	D · CA		Sep 15, 2020
Rep. Johnson, Eddie Bernice [D-TX-30]	D · TX		Sep 15, 2020
Rep. Kelly, Robin L. [D-IL-2]	D · IL		Sep 15, 2020
Rep. Kennedy, Joseph P., III [D-MA-4]	D · MA		Sep 15, 2020
Rep. Krishnamoorthi, Raja [D-IL-8]	D · IL		Sep 15, 2020
Rep. Langevin, James R. [D-RI-2]	D · RI		Sep 15, 2020
Rep. Lowenthal, Alan S. [D-CA-47]	D · CA		Sep 15, 2020
Rep. Meeks, Gregory W. [D-NY-5]	D · NY		Sep 15, 2020
Rep. O'Halleran, Tom [D-AZ-1]	D · AZ		Sep 15, 2020
Rep. Omar, Ilhan [D-MN-5]	D · MN		Sep 15, 2020
Rep. Pascrell, Bill, Jr. [D-NJ-9]	D · NJ		Sep 15, 2020
Rep. Quigley, Mike [D-IL-5]	D · IL		Sep 15, 2020
Rep. Rouda, Harley [D-CA-48]	D · CA		Sep 15, 2020
Rep. Scanlon, Mary Gay [D-PA-5]	D · PA		Sep 15, 2020
Rep. Speier, Jackie [D-CA-14]	D · CA		Sep 15, 2020

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Rep. Soto, Darren [D-FL-9]	D · FL		Sep 17, 2020
Rep. Escobar, Veronica [D-TX-16]	D · TX		Sep 22, 2020
Rep. McEachin, A. Donald [D-VA-4]	D · VA		Oct 6, 2020
Rep. Price, David E. [D-NC-4]	D · NC		Oct 6, 2020
Rep. Bonamici, Suzanne [D-OR-1]	D · OR		Oct 13, 2020
Rep. Evans, Dwight [D-PA-3]	D · PA		Oct 13, 2020
Rep. Brownley, Julia [D-CA-26]	D · CA		Oct 20, 2020
Rep. Morelle, Joseph D. [D-NY-25]	D · NY		Oct 20, 2020
Rep. Pressley, Ayanna [D-MA-7]	D · MA		Oct 20, 2020
Rep. Clark, Katherine M. [D-MA-5]	D · MA		Nov 5, 2020
Rep. Cooper, Jim [D-TN-5]	D · TN		Nov 5, 2020
Rep. Davids, Sharice [D-KS-3]	D · KS		Nov 5, 2020
Rep. Spanberger, Abigail Davis [D-VA-7]	D · VA		Dec 17, 2020

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Jun 26, 2019

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Immigration

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 S 1554	Identical bill	May 21, 2019: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Adoptee Citizenship Act of 2019

This bill provides for the automatic acquisition of citizenship for certain individuals adopted by a U.S. citizen.

A child born outside the United States and adopted by a U.S. citizen shall automatically acquire citizenship upon meeting certain requirements, regardless of when the adoption was finalized. Currently, adoptees who were over the age of 18 on February 27, 2001, do not automatically acquire citizenship.

An individual born outside the United States and residing in the United States shall automatically acquire citizenship if the individual (1) was adopted by a citizen before becoming 18 years old, (2) was physically present in the United States in the citizen parent's custody pursuant to lawful admission before becoming 18 years old, (3) never acquired citizenship before this bill's enactment, and (4) was lawfully residing in the United States on this bill's enactment date.

An individual born outside the United States and residing outside the United States but who otherwise meets all of the requirements shall automatically acquire citizenship upon being physically present in the United States pursuant to lawful admission. Such an individual shall be subject to a background check. If the background check reveals the individual has committed a crime that was not properly resolved, the individual may not receive a visa unless the Department of Homeland Security and Department of State have coordinated with law enforcement to ensure that action was taken to resolve the issue.

Actions Timeline

- **Jun 26, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Citizenship.
- **May 14, 2019:** Introduced in House
- **May 14, 2019:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.