

HR 3452

Help Separated Families Act of 2019

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Roybal-Allard, Lucille [D-CA-40]

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

Cosponsors (51 total)

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Rep. Espaillat, Adriano [D-NY-13]	D · NY		Jun 24, 2019
Rep. Titus, Dina [D-NV-1]	D · NV		Jun 24, 2019
Rep. Torres, Norma J. [D-CA-35]	D · CA		Jun 24, 2019
Rep. Velazquez, Nydia M. [D-NY-7]	D · NY		Jun 24, 2019
Rep. Cárdenas, Tony [D-CA-29]	D · CA		Jun 25, 2019
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Rep. Napolitano, Grace F. [D-CA-32]	D · CA		Jun 25, 2019
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Rep. Blumenauer, Earl [D-OR-3]	D · OR		Jun 27, 2019
Rep. DeSaulnier, Mark [D-CA-11]	D · CA		Jun 27, 2019
Rep. Garcia, Jesus G. "Chuy" [D-IL-4]	D · IL		Jun 27, 2019
Rep. Welch, Peter [D-VT-At Large]	D · VT		Jun 27, 2019
Rep. Eshoo, Anna G. [D-CA-18]	D · CA		Jul 9, 2019
Rep. Gallego, Ruben [D-AZ-7]	D · AZ		Jul 9, 2019
Rep. Gomez, Jimmy [D-CA-34]	D · CA		Jul 9, 2019
Rep. Moore, Gwen [D-WI-4]	D · WI		Jul 9, 2019
Rep. Mucarsel-Powell, Debbie [D-FL-26]	D · FL		Jul 9, 2019
Rep. Davis, Susan A. [D-CA-53]	D · CA		Jul 11, 2019
Rep. Hayes, Jahana [D-CT-5]	D · CT		Jul 11, 2019
Rep. Lowey, Nita M. [D-NY-17]	D · NY		Jul 11, 2019
Rep. Suozzi, Thomas R. [D-NY-3]	D · NY		Jul 11, 2019
Del. Norton, Eleanor Holmes [D-DC-At Large]	D · DC		Jul 15, 2019
Rep. Evans, Dwight [D-PA-3]	D · PA		Jul 15, 2019
Rep. Panetta, Jimmy [D-CA-20]	D · CA		Jul 15, 2019
Rep. Aguilar, Pete [D-CA-31]	D · CA		Jul 18, 2019
Rep. Bonamici, Suzanne [D-OR-1]	D · OR		Jul 22, 2019
Rep. Carbajal, Salud O. [D-CA-24]	D · CA		Jul 22, 2019
Rep. Foster, Bill [D-IL-11]	D · IL		Jul 22, 2019
Rep. Garcia, Sylvia R. [D-TX-29]	D · TX		Jul 22, 2019
Rep. Ruppersberger, C. A. Dutch [D-MD-2]	D · MD		Jul 22, 2019
Rep. Schakowsky, Janice D. [D-IL-9]	D · IL		Jul 22, 2019
Rep. Brownley, Julia [D-CA-26]	D · CA		Aug 2, 2019
Rep. DeGette, Diana [D-CO-1]	D · CO		Aug 2, 2019
Rep. Kuster, Ann M. [D-NH-2]	D · NH		Aug 20, 2019
Rep. Chu, Judy [D-CA-27]	D · CA		Sep 17, 2019
Rep. Smith, Adam [D-WA-9]	D · WA		Sep 17, 2019
Rep. Soto, Darren [D-FL-9]	D · FL		Sep 17, 2019
Rep. Veasey, Marc A. [D-TX-33]	D · TX		Sep 17, 2019
Rep. Cicilline, David N. [D-RI-1]	D · RI		Sep 25, 2019
Rep. Morelle, Joseph D. [D-NY-25]	D · NY		Sep 25, 2019
Rep. Pappas, Chris [D-NH-1]	D · NH		Sep 26, 2019

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Rep. Vela, Filemon [D-TX-34]	D · TX		Sep 27, 2019
Rep. Crist, Charlie [D-FL-13]	D · FL		Oct 4, 2019
Rep. DeFazio, Peter A. [D-OR-4]	D · OR		Oct 4, 2019
Rep. Himes, James A. [D-CT-4]	D · CT		Oct 4, 2019
Rep. Sherman, Brad [D-CA-30]	D · CA		Oct 4, 2019
Rep. Dean, Madeleine [D-PA-4]	D · PA		Oct 11, 2019
Rep. Lofgren, Zoe [D-CA-19]	D · CA		Oct 11, 2019
Rep. Wasserman Schultz, Debbie [D-FL-23]	D · FL		Oct 30, 2019
Rep. DelBene, Suzan K. [D-WA-1]	D · WA		Nov 14, 2019
Rep. Connolly, Gerald E. [D-VA-11]	D · VA		Dec 5, 2019

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred To	Jun 24, 2019

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Families

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Jun 24, 2019)

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This bill prohibits states from disqualifying a prospective adoptive or foster parent based on that person's immigration status. It also expands the requirements for state foster-care cases in which a parent has been detained or deported as the result of an immigration proceeding.

Specifically, states may not initiate a proceeding to terminate the parental rights of a parent who has been detained or deported unless the state has made reasonable efforts to (1) locate the parent, (2) notify the parent about the proceeding, (3) provide the parent with appropriate services, and (4) reunify the parent and child. States also must (1) ensure that case managers can communicate in separated children's native language, (2) provide assistance for separated children to accompany their parent to the family's country of origin, (3) keep information about such children confidential, and (4) publish a list of legal services available to separated children.

Further, case management plans must provide (1) the location of the child's parent who has been detained or deported, and (2) a written record of information about such child that is disclosed to government agencies or nonlegal guardians. The bill requires states to accept specified forms of foreign identification to complete background checks for prospective foster care placements. States also must notify prospective foster or adoptive relatives that such relatives' immigration status will not be requested except with respect to eligibility for certain social services.

Actions Timeline

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