

HR 3731

Strategic and Humane Southern Border Migrant Response Act

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Agriculture Committee	House	Referred To	Jul 11, 2019
Foreign Affairs Committee	House	Referred To	Jul 11, 2019
Homeland Security Committee	House	Referred To	Jul 11, 2019
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Jul 30, 2019
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred To	Jul 11, 2019

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 3670	Related bill	Jul 29, 2019: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
116 S 1894	Related bill	Jun 19, 2019: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Summary (as of Jul 11, 2019)

Strategic and Humane Southern Border Migrant Response Act

This bill imposes requirements related to the handling of migrants from Northern Triangle countries (El Salvador, Guatemala, and Honduras) and terminates certain policies requiring asylum seekers to wait in Mexico before applying and while cases are pending.

The President shall report on a plan for processing asylum seekers apprehended at the U.S.-Mexico border. The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) shall establish a task force to implement the plan.

Customs and Border Protection (CBP) shall maintain family unity to the greatest extent possible, unless there is a legal requirement or safety concern requiring otherwise.

DHS shall (1) make every effort to ensure that apprehended individuals have access to bathrooms and showers, water, appropriate nutrition, hygiene, and sanitation (currently, the statute only requires access to food and water); (2) establish uniform medical screening procedures for detained individuals and programs that provide alternatives to detention; (3) increase its capacity to care for families and unaccompanied children by contracting with qualified entities and hiring additional CBP officers; and (4) restore a program that allowed certain minors in Northern Triangle countries to apply for refugee status without traveling to the United States.

The Government Accountability Office and DHS Inspector General shall audit and conduct uninspected inspections of detention facilities. Any Member of Congress may inspect such facilities without prior notification.

The Department of State shall work with the United Nations to increase the capacity of Northern Triangle countries and Mexico to handle and care for those seeking refugee resettlement.

Actions Timeline

- **Jul 30, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Citizenship.
- **Jul 11, 2019:** Introduced in House
- **Jul 11, 2019:** Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committees on Homeland Security, Foreign Affairs, Agriculture, 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.