

HR 3964

Justice for Victims of Sanctuary Cities Act of 2019

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Policy Area: Immigration

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Budd, Ted [R-NC-13]

Party: Republican • **State:** NC • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (35 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Byrne, Bradley [R-AL-1]	R · AL		Jul 25, 2019
Rep. Steube, W. Gregory [R-FL-17]	R · FL		Aug 30, 2019
Rep. Posey, Bill [R-FL-8]	R · FL		Sep 18, 2019
Rep. Walberg, Tim [R-MI-7]	R · MI		Sep 18, 2019
Rep. DesJarlais, Scott [R-TN-4]	R · TN		Sep 19, 2019
Rep. Duncan, Jeff [R-SC-3]	R · SC		Sep 19, 2019
Rep. Allen, Rick W. [R-GA-12]	R · GA		Sep 20, 2019
Rep. Riggleman, Denver [R-VA-5]	R · VA		Sep 20, 2019
Rep. Meadows, Mark [R-NC-11]	R · NC		Sep 24, 2019
Rep. Wright, Ron [R-TX-6]	R · TX		Sep 24, 2019
Rep. Gooden, Lance [R-TX-5]	R · TX		Sep 27, 2019
Rep. Bishop, Dan [R-NC-9]	R · NC		Oct 1, 2019
Rep. Babin, Brian [R-TX-36]	R · TX		Oct 4, 2019
Rep. Lesko, Debbie [R-AZ-8]	R · AZ		Oct 15, 2019
Rep. Gosar, Paul A. [R-AZ-4]	R · AZ		Oct 22, 2019
Rep. Baird, James R. [R-IN-4]	R · IN		Nov 1, 2019
Rep. Calvert, Ken [R-CA-42]	R · CA		Dec 4, 2019
Rep. Brooks, Mo [R-AL-5]	R · AL		Feb 7, 2020
Rep. Gaetz, Matt [R-FL-1]	R · FL		Feb 7, 2020
Rep. Hice, Jody B. [R-GA-10]	R · GA		Feb 7, 2020
Rep. Joyce, John [R-PA-13]	R · PA		Feb 7, 2020
Rep. Norman, Ralph [R-SC-5]	R · SC		Feb 7, 2020
Rep. Mooney, Alexander X. [R-WV-2]	R · WV		Feb 10, 2020
Rep. Arrington, Jodey C. [R-TX-19]	R · TX		Feb 11, 2020
Rep. McHenry, Patrick T. [R-NC-10]	R · NC		Feb 11, 2020
Rep. Rouzer, David [R-NC-7]	R · NC		Feb 11, 2020
Rep. Gibbs, Bob [R-OH-7]	R · OH		Feb 13, 2020
Rep. Olson, Pete [R-TX-22]	R · TX		Feb 13, 2020
Rep. Smith, Jason [R-MO-8]	R · MO		Feb 14, 2020
Rep. Watkins, Steve [R-KS-2]	R · KS		Feb 25, 2020
Rep. Balderson, Troy [R-OH-12]	R · OH		Feb 26, 2020
Rep. Timmons, William R. IV [R-SC-4]	R · SC		Feb 26, 2020
Rep. Williams, Roger [R-TX-25]	R · TX		Feb 26, 2020
Rep. Miller, Carol D. [R-WV-3]	R · WV		Feb 27, 2020
Rep. Sensenbrenner, F. James, Jr. [R-WI-5]	R · WI		Feb 27, 2020

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Financial Services Committee	House	Referred To	Jul 25, 2019
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Aug 15, 2019
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Referred to	Jul 26, 2019

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Immigration

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 S 2059	Identical bill	Jul 9, 2019: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Summary (as of Jul 25, 2019)

Justice for Victims of Sanctuary Cities Act of 2019

This bill provides a private right of action against state and local jurisdictions with certain policies that limit cooperation with federal immigration enforcement efforts, and contains additional provisions related to such jurisdictions. Currently, such cooperation is generally not required.

An individual (or certain relatives of such an individual) who is the victim of any felony for which an alien has been arrested, convicted, or sentenced to a prison term of at least one year may sue a state or local jurisdiction if the jurisdiction failed to comply with (1) certain Department of Homeland Security (DHS) requests related to arresting and detaining aliens, and (2) a DHS request to detain the alien in question or provide a notification about the release of the alien. A jurisdiction that accepts certain federal grants may not assert immunity in such a civil action.

A jurisdiction (or employee of a jurisdiction) that complies with certain DHS detainer requests shall be deemed to be acting as an agent of DHS. A complying jurisdiction or employee of the jurisdiction shall not be liable in any lawsuit relating to compliance with such requests. In a lawsuit against an employee of the jurisdiction, the United States shall be substituted in as the defendant, and remedies shall be limited to provisions for bringing tort claims against the federal government.

Actions Timeline

- **Aug 15, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Citizenship.
- **Jul 26, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management.
- **Jul 25, 2019:** Introduced in House
- **Jul 25, 2019:** Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committees on Transportation and Infrastructure, and Financial Services, 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.