

HR 4623

Keep STEM Talent Act of 2019

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Foster, Bill [D-IL-11]

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

Cosponsors (4 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Johnson, Eddie Bernice [D-TX-30]	D · TX		Oct 8, 2019
Rep. Soto, Darren [D-FL-9]	D · FL		Oct 22, 2019
Rep. Kennedy, Joseph P., III [D-MA-4]	D · MA		Oct 23, 2019
Rep. Himes, James A. [D-CT-4]	D · CT		Feb 10, 2020

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Oct 28, 2019

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 S 1744	Identical bill	Jun 5, 2019: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (text: CR S3259)

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This bill exempts certain aliens with advanced degrees in a science, technology, engineering, or mathematics (STEM) field from direct limitations on the number of immigrant visas granted per year. Specifically, the alien must (1) have earned a master's level or higher degree in certain STEM fields while in the United States attending an accredited higher education institution, (2) be employed (or have a job offer) in a field related to the degree and earn at least the median wage for that occupation, and (3) meet certain labor certification requirements.

The bill also allows an alien seeking a nonimmigrant F-1 (student) visa to obtain an advanced STEM degree to have dual intent. Specifically, such an alien may obtain the nonimmigrant visa or change nonimmigrant status even if the alien intends to seek lawful permanent resident status. (Generally, an alien may be denied a nonimmigrant visa if the alien actually intends to seek immigrant status, unless dual intent is allowed for that type of visa.)

Actions Timeline

- **Oct 28, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Citizenship.
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