

HR 4803

Citizenship for Children of Military Members and Civil Servants Act

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Immigration

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Law: 116-133 (Enacted Mar 26, 2020)

Official Text: <https://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/house-bill/4803>

Sponsor

Name: Rep. Nadler, Jerrold [D-NY-10]

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

Cosponsors (13 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Buck, Ken [R-CO-4]	R · CO		Oct 23, 2019
Rep. Collins, Doug [R-GA-9]	R · GA		Oct 23, 2019
Rep. Gallego, Ruben [D-AZ-7]	D · AZ		Oct 23, 2019
Rep. Lieu, Ted [D-CA-33]	D · CA		Oct 23, 2019
Rep. Lofgren, Zoe [D-CA-19]	D · CA		Oct 23, 2019
Rep. Smith, Adam [D-WA-9]	D · WA		Oct 23, 2019
Rep. Thornberry, Mac [R-TX-13]	R · TX		Oct 23, 2019
Rep. Cisneros, Gilbert Ray, Jr. [D-CA-39]	D · CA		Dec 3, 2019
Rep. Cohen, Steve [D-TN-9]	D · TN		Dec 3, 2019
Rep. Fitzpatrick, Brian K. [R-PA-1]	R · PA		Dec 3, 2019
Rep. Spanberger, Abigail Davis [D-VA-7]	D · VA		Dec 3, 2019
Rep. Stivers, Steve [R-OH-15]	R · OH		Dec 3, 2019
Rep. Taylor, Van [R-TX-3]	R · TX		Dec 3, 2019

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Nov 15, 2019
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Discharged From	Mar 5, 2020

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Immigration

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 S 2679	Related bill	Oct 23, 2019: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Summary (as of Mar 26, 2020)

Citizenship for Children of Military Members and Civil Servants Act

This bill establishes that a foreign-born child of a U.S. citizen member of the Armed Forces or government employee may automatically acquire U.S. citizenship even if the child is not residing in the United States.

Currently, a foreign-born child automatically acquires U.S. citizenship if the child (1) has at least one parent who is a citizen, (2) is less than 18 years old, and (3) is residing in the United States in the citizen parent's legal and physical custody pursuant to a lawful admission for permanent residence. Under this bill, the third requirement is fulfilled if a foreign-born child is (1) living in the legal and physical custody of the citizen Armed Services member or government employee who has been stationed abroad (or the accompanying spouse of such a citizen), and (2) lawfully admitted for permanent residence in the United States.

Actions Timeline

- Mar 26, 2020: Signed by President.
- Mar 26, 2020: Became Public Law No: 116-133.
- Mar 16, 2020: Presented to President.
- Mar 9, 2020: Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- Mar 5, 2020: Senate Committee on the Judiciary discharged by Unanimous Consent.
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- Mar 5, 2020: Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent.
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- Dec 4, 2019: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.
- Dec 3, 2019: Mr. Nadler moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- Dec 3, 2019: Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H9188-9189)
- Dec 3, 2019: DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 4803.
- Dec 3, 2019: Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H9188)
- Dec 3, 2019: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H9188)
- Dec 3, 2019: Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- Nov 15, 2019: Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Citizenship.
- Oct 23, 2019: Introduced in House
- Oct 23, 2019: Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.