

HR 517

Closing Asylum Loopholes Act

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Rep. Wright, Ron [R-TX-6]	R · TX		May 21, 2019
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Committee Activity

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Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 25, 2019

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 3855	Related bill	Aug 12, 2019: Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Citizenship.
116 HR 3360	Related bill	Jul 30, 2019: Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Citizenship.
116 HR 574	Related bill	Feb 25, 2019: Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Citizenship.
116 HR 586	Related bill	Feb 25, 2019: Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Citizenship.

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This bill requires an alien's "credible fear of persecution" to be more probable than not in order to be eligible for asylum. It also directs the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to ensure that the questions asked in expedited removal proceedings are done so in a uniform manner, and to record interviews in expedited removal and asylum proceedings.

If an asylum seeker needs an interpreter, DHS shall ensure that a competent interpreter is used who is not affiliated with the government of the country the alien is seeking asylum from.

Actions Timeline

- **Feb 25, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Citizenship.
- **Jan 11, 2019:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 11, 2019:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.