

HR 586

Fix the Immigration Loopholes Act

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Rep. Wright, Ron [R-TX-6]	R · TX		May 3, 2019
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Rep. Gooden, Lance [R-TX-5]	R · TX		May 7, 2019
Rep. Allen, Rick W. [R-GA-12]	R · GA		May 9, 2019
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Rep. Wagner, Ann [R-MO-2]	R · MO		May 10, 2019
Rep. Babin, Brian [R-TX-36]	R · TX		May 14, 2019
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Rep. Duncan, Jeff [R-SC-3]	R · SC		Jul 9, 2019
Rep. Brooks, Mo [R-AL-5]	R · AL		Jul 17, 2019
Rep. Guest, Michael [R-MS-3]	R · MS		Jul 17, 2019
Rep. Gosar, Paul A. [R-AZ-4]	R · AZ		Jul 23, 2019
Rep. Wenstrup, Brad R. [R-OH-2]	R · OH		Jul 24, 2019
Rep. Tipton, Scott R. [R-CO-3]	R · CO		Jul 30, 2019
Rep. Timmons, William R. IV [R-SC-4]	R · SC		Aug 2, 2019
Rep. Posey, Bill [R-FL-8]	R · FL		Aug 16, 2019
Rep. Rutherford, John H. [R-FL-4]	R · FL		Aug 16, 2019
Rep. Meadows, Mark [R-NC-11]	R · NC		Oct 28, 2019
Rep. Graves, Sam [R-MO-6]	R · MO		Dec 18, 2019
Rep. Roy, Chip [R-TX-21]	R · TX		Feb 4, 2020

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Foreign Affairs Committee	House	Referred To	Jan 16, 2019
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 25, 2019

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Immigration

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 3940	Related bill	Aug 15, 2019: Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.
116 HR 3855	Related bill	Aug 12, 2019: Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Citizenship.
116 HR 3857	Related bill	Aug 12, 2019: Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Citizenship.
116 HR 517	Related bill	Feb 25, 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.

Summary (as of Jan 16, 2019)

Fix the Immigration Loopholes Act

This bill modifies immigration law provisions relating to unaccompanied alien minors and to asylum seekers.

For certain unaccompanied inadmissible alien children, generally those not at risk of being trafficking victims nor having a fear of persecution, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) shall repatriate the child. Currently, only inadmissible unaccompanied aliens from neighboring countries are subject to repatriation, and DHS has discretion whether to repatriate.

When HHS releases an unaccompanied child to an individual, it shall provide DHS with certain information about that individual, including Social Security number and immigration status.

The bill amends the definition of "credible fear of persecution" to require that such fear can be established by statements that are more probable than not. The bill also imposes certain rules relating to credible fear interviews, including requirements for recordings and interpreters.

If an alien is granted asylum because of fear of persecution in a country, the alien is deemed to have renounced asylum status by returning to that country, if there has been no change in the country's conditions. DHS may waive such renunciation if there was a compelling reason for the return.

The bill expands the definition of a frivolous asylum application to include an application so insufficient in substance that it is clear that it was filed to delay removal or seek employment authorization.

Any individual who knowingly and willfully makes materially false statements or uses fraudulent documents in asylum-related proceedings shall be fined or imprisoned up to 10 years, or both.

Actions Timeline

- **Feb 25, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Citizenship.
- **Jan 16, 2019:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 16, 2019:** Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, 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.