

## HR 7256

### National Security Innovation Pathway Act

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Immigration

**Introduced:** Jun 18, 2020

**Current Status:** Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Armed Services, for

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Armed 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. (Jun 18, 2020)

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### Sponsor

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

### Cosponsors (3 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Stefanik, Elise M. [R-NY-21]	R · NY		Jun 18, 2020
Rep. Houlahan, Chrissy [D-PA-6]	D · PA		Oct 30, 2020
Rep. Vela, Filemon [D-TX-34]	D · TX		Oct 30, 2020

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Armed Services Committee	House	Referred To	Jun 18, 2020
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred To	Jun 18, 2020

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Immigration

### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

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This bill authorizes the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to provide special immigrant status to a qualified alien involved with research critical to U.S. national security.

Generally, a qualified alien is one who (1) is employed by a U.S. employer to work and protect the National Security Innovation Base, (2) is engaged in Department of Defense-funded research at a U.S. institution of higher education, or (3) possesses scientific or technical expertise that will advance the development of certain technologies critical to national security. In addition, the Department of Defense (DOD) must confirm to DHS that the alien's admission is essential to developing critical technologies or otherwise serves national security interests. The spouse and children of a qualified alien may also be admitted.

(The National Security Innovation Base is a network of persons and organizations engaged in research and production of technologies that support U.S. national security.)

DHS may admit up to 100 principal aliens for FY2021 as special immigrants under this bill. This number shall gradually increase until FY2025. For FY2025 and each subsequent fiscal year, DHS may admit 500 principal aliens. Aliens admitted under this bill shall not count against various annual numerical limits.

The Government Accountability Office shall report to Congress on an evaluation of the program by October 1, 2025.

## Actions Timeline

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