

HR 2839

Bipartisan Border Solutions Act of 2021

Congress: 117 (2021–2023, Ended)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: Immigration

Introduced: Apr 26, 2021

Current Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Citizenship.

Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Citizenship. (Oct 19, 2021)

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Cuellar, Henry [D-TX-28]

Party: Democratic • State: TX • Chamber: House

Cosponsors (10 total)

| Cosponsor | Party / State | Role | Date Joined |
|---|---------------|------|--------------|
| Rep. Gonzales, Tony [R-TX-23] | R · TX | | Apr 26, 2021 |
| Rep. Case, Ed [D-HI-1] | D · HI | | May 18, 2021 |
| Rep. Johnson, Bill [R-OH-6] | R · OH | | Jun 8, 2021 |
| Rep. Kim, Young [R-CA-39] | R · CA | | Jul 2, 2021 |
| Rep. Miller-Meeks, Mariannette [R-IA-2] | R · IA | | Jul 21, 2021 |
| Rep. Golden, Jared F. [D-ME-2] | D · ME | | May 13, 2022 |
| Rep. Slotkin, Elissa [D-MI-8] | D · MI | | May 16, 2022 |
| Rep. Pappas, Chris [D-NH-1] | D · NH | | Jul 1, 2022 |
| Rep. Luria, Elaine G. [D-VA-2] | D · VA | | Jul 11, 2022 |
| Rep. Salazar, Maria Elvira [R-FL-27] | R · FL | | Jul 11, 2022 |

Committee Activity

| Committee | Chamber | Activity | Date |
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| Foreign Affairs Committee | House | Referred To | Apr 26, 2021 |
| Homeland Security Committee | House | Referred to | Apr 27, 2021 |
| Homeland Security Committee | House | Referred to | Apr 27, 2021 |
| Judiciary Committee | House | Referred to | Oct 19, 2021 |
| Ways and Means Committee | House | Referred to | Apr 26, 2021 |

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Immigration

Related Bills

| Bill | Relationship | Last Action |
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| 117 S 1358 | Identical bill | Apr 22, 2021: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (Sponsor introductory remarks on measure: CR S2173-2175) |

Summary (as of Apr 26, 2021)

Bipartisan Border Solutions Act of 2021

This bill establishes regional processing centers for conducting immigration-related activities and addresses other related issues.

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) shall establish at least four regional processing centers along the southern border in high-traffic Border Patrol sectors. These centers shall conduct processing activities such as criminal history checks, medical screenings, asylum interviews and credible fear determinations, and short-term detention of individuals.

The bill imposes various requirements, such as requiring the centers to (1) allow nongovernmental entities access to detained individuals to provide humanitarian or legal assistance, and (2) provide detained aliens access to legal counsel for certain asylum proceedings.

The bill also requires DHS and the Department of Justice (DOJ) to develop pilot programs to improve asylum decisions, credible fear determinations, access to counsel, and case management of aliens awaiting asylum hearings or decisions.

DOJ shall, to the greatest extent practicable, prioritize removal cases involving aliens apprehended while entering the United States during an irregular migration influx.

Before placing an unaccompanied alien child with an individual, the Department of Health and Human Services must conduct a criminal background check of each adult member of that individual's household. An alien child may not be placed in a household where an individual has been convicted of certain crimes, including offenses involving sex or domestic violence.

The bill also makes it a crime to make a materially false statement or knowingly use a false document to obtain custody of an unaccompanied alien child.

Actions Timeline

- **Oct 19, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Citizenship.
- **Apr 27, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Border Security, Facilitation, and Operations.
- **Apr 27, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness, Response, and Recovery.
- **Apr 26, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **Apr 26, 2021:** Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committees on Homeland Security, Ways and Means, and 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.
- **Apr 26, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Trade.