

HR 2920

American Families United Act

Congress: 117 (2021–2023, Ended)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: Immigration

Introduced: Apr 30, 2021

Current Status: Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by the Yeas and Nays: 23 - 16.

Latest Action: Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by the Yeas and Nays: 23 - 16. (Jul 27, 2022)

Official Text: <https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/house-bill/2920>

Sponsor

Name: Rep. Escobar, Veronica [D-TX-16]

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

Cosponsors (80 total)

| Cosponsor | Party / State | Role | Date Joined |
|---|---------------|------|--------------|
| Rep. Valadao, David G. [R-CA-21] | R · CA | | Apr 30, 2021 |
| Rep. Cárdenas, Tony [D-CA-29] | D · CA | | May 14, 2021 |
| Rep. Vargas, Juan [D-CA-51] | D · CA | | May 14, 2021 |
| Rep. Jones, Mondaire [D-NY-17] | D · NY | | May 25, 2021 |
| Rep. Veasey, Marc A. [D-TX-33] | D · TX | | Jun 16, 2021 |
| Del. Norton, Eleanor Holmes [D-DC-At Large] | D · DC | | Jun 24, 2021 |
| Rep. Omar, Ilhan [D-MN-5] | D · MN | | Jun 24, 2021 |
| Rep. Ross, Deborah K. [D-NC-2] | D · NC | | Jun 24, 2021 |
| Rep. Williams, Nikema [D-GA-5] | D · GA | | Jun 24, 2021 |
| Rep. Green, Al [D-TX-9] | D · TX | | Jul 1, 2021 |
| Rep. Neguse, Joe [D-CO-2] | D · CO | | Jul 1, 2021 |
| Rep. Jacobs, Sara [D-CA-53] | D · CA | | Jul 9, 2021 |
| Rep. Scanlon, Mary Gay [D-PA-5] | D · PA | | Jul 9, 2021 |
| Rep. Brown, Anthony G. [D-MD-4] | D · MD | | Jul 13, 2021 |
| Rep. Allred, Colin Z. [D-TX-32] | D · TX | | Jul 16, 2021 |
| Rep. Brownley, Julia [D-CA-26] | D · CA | | Jul 30, 2021 |
| Rep. DeSaulnier, Mark [D-CA-11] | D · CA | | Jul 30, 2021 |
| Rep. Swalwell, Eric [D-CA-15] | D · CA | | Jul 30, 2021 |
| Rep. Soto, Darren [D-FL-9] | D · FL | | Aug 23, 2021 |
| Rep. Trone, David J. [D-MD-6] | D · MD | | Aug 24, 2021 |
| Rep. Fletcher, Lizzie [D-TX-7] | D · TX | | Aug 27, 2021 |
| Rep. Rush, Bobby L. [D-IL-1] | D · IL | | Aug 31, 2021 |
| Rep. Bonamici, Suzanne [D-OR-1] | D · OR | | Sep 10, 2021 |
| Rep. Correa, J. Luis [D-CA-46] | D · CA | | Sep 10, 2021 |
| Rep. Maloney, Carolyn B. [D-NY-12] | D · NY | | Sep 10, 2021 |
| Rep. McBath, Lucy [D-GA-6] | D · GA | | Sep 10, 2021 |
| Rep. Perlmutter, Ed [D-CO-7] | D · CO | | Sep 10, 2021 |
| Rep. Suozzi, Thomas R. [D-NY-3] | D · NY | | Sep 10, 2021 |
| Rep. McGovern, James P. [D-MA-2] | D · MA | | Sep 14, 2021 |
| Rep. Costa, Jim [D-CA-16] | D · CA | | Sep 20, 2021 |
| Rep. Titus, Dina [D-NV-1] | D · NV | | Sep 20, 2021 |
| Rep. Matsui, Doris O. [D-CA-6] | D · CA | | Sep 21, 2021 |
| Rep. Garcia, Sylvia R. [D-TX-29] | D · TX | | Sep 22, 2021 |
| Rep. Castro, Joaquin [D-TX-20] | D · TX | | Oct 8, 2021 |
| Rep. Lee, Barbara [D-CA-13] | D · CA | | Oct 8, 2021 |
| Rep. Watson Coleman, Bonnie [D-NJ-12] | D · NJ | | Oct 12, 2021 |
| Rep. Kim, Andy [D-NJ-3] | D · NJ | | Oct 21, 2021 |
| Rep. Lowenthal, Alan S. [D-CA-47] | D · CA | | Oct 21, 2021 |
| Rep. Phillips, Dean [D-MN-3] | D · MN | | Oct 21, 2021 |
| Rep. Clarke, Yvette D. [D-NY-9] | D · NY | | Oct 26, 2021 |
| Rep. Lieu, Ted [D-CA-33] | D · CA | | Oct 26, 2021 |

| Cosponsor | Party / State | Role | Date Joined |
|---|---------------|------|--------------|
| Rep. Garamendi, John [D-CA-3] | D · CA | | Nov 3, 2021 |
| Rep. Carbajal, Salud O. [D-CA-24] | D · CA | | Nov 4, 2021 |
| Rep. Ocasio-Cortez, Alexandria [D-NY-14] | D · NY | | Nov 17, 2021 |
| Rep. Price, David E. [D-NC-4] | D · NC | | Nov 17, 2021 |
| Rep. Raskin, Jamie [D-MD-8] | D · MD | | Nov 17, 2021 |
| Rep. Sánchez, Linda T. [D-CA-38] | D · CA | | Nov 17, 2021 |
| Rep. Schiff, Adam B. [D-CA-28] | D · CA | | Nov 17, 2021 |
| Rep. Eshoo, Anna G. [D-CA-18] | D · CA | | Nov 23, 2021 |
| Rep. Tlaib, Rashida [D-MI-13] | D · MI | | Nov 23, 2021 |
| Rep. Khanna, Ro [D-CA-17] | D · CA | | Nov 30, 2021 |
| Rep. Quigley, Mike [D-IL-5] | D · IL | | Dec 1, 2021 |
| Rep. Johnson, Henry C. "Hank," Jr. [D-GA-4] | D · GA | | Dec 9, 2021 |
| Rep. Takano, Mark [D-CA-41] | D · CA | | Dec 9, 2021 |
| Rep. Aguilar, Pete [D-CA-31] | D · CA | | Dec 16, 2021 |
| Rep. Garcia, Jesus G. "Chuy" [D-IL-4] | D · IL | | Dec 16, 2021 |
| Rep. Barragan, Nanette Diaz [D-CA-44] | D · CA | | Feb 2, 2022 |
| Rep. Espaillat, Adriano [D-NY-13] | D · NY | | Feb 2, 2022 |
| Rep. Gomez, Jimmy [D-CA-34] | D · CA | | Feb 2, 2022 |
| Rep. Lofgren, Zoe [D-CA-19] | D · CA | | Feb 2, 2022 |
| Rep. Bourdeaux, Carolyn [D-GA-7] | D · GA | | Feb 15, 2022 |
| Rep. Salazar, Maria Elvira [R-FL-27] | R · FL | | Feb 15, 2022 |
| Rep. DeGette, Diana [D-CO-1] | D · CO | | Mar 1, 2022 |
| Rep. Roybal-Allard, Lucille [D-CA-40] | D · CA | | Mar 1, 2022 |
| Rep. Velazquez, Nydia M. [D-NY-7] | D · NY | | Mar 1, 2022 |
| Rep. Harder, Josh [D-CA-10] | D · CA | | Mar 29, 2022 |
| Rep. Levin, Mike [D-CA-49] | D · CA | | Mar 29, 2022 |
| Rep. Upton, Fred [R-MI-6] | R · MI | | Apr 11, 2022 |
| Rep. Slotkin, Elissa [D-MI-8] | D · MI | | May 12, 2022 |
| Rep. Crow, Jason [D-CO-6] | D · CO | | Jun 13, 2022 |
| Rep. Payne, Donald M., Jr. [D-NJ-10] | D · NJ | | Jun 23, 2022 |
| Rep. Dean, Madeleine [D-PA-4] | D · PA | | Jul 29, 2022 |
| Rep. Cherfilus-McCormick, Sheila [D-FL-20] | D · FL | | Aug 2, 2022 |
| Rep. Jackson Lee, Sheila [D-TX-18] | D · TX | | Aug 2, 2022 |
| Rep. Jayapal, Pramila [D-WA-7] | D · WA | | Aug 5, 2022 |
| Rep. Langevin, James R. [D-RI-2] | D · RI | | Aug 12, 2022 |
| Rep. Sires, Albio [D-NJ-8] | D · NJ | | Aug 12, 2022 |
| Rep. Nadler, Jerrold [D-NY-10] | D · NY | | Aug 16, 2022 |
| Rep. Torres, Norma J. [D-CA-35] | D · CA | | Aug 30, 2022 |
| Rep. Bera, Ami [D-CA-7] | D · CA | | Sep 20, 2022 |

Committee Activity

| Committee | Chamber | Activity | Date |
|---------------------|---------|-----------------|--------------|
| Judiciary Committee | House | Discharged from | Jul 27, 2022 |

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Immigration

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Apr 30, 2021)

American Families United Act

This bill authorizes the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) or the Department of Justice (DOJ) to exercise discretion in certain immigration cases. The bill also removes certain requirements related to birthright citizenship.

Under this bill, DOJ or DHS may, on a case-by-case basis, exercise discretion by declining to remove an alien or bar an alien from entering the United States to prevent hardship for the alien's U.S. citizen spouse, parent, or child. However, DOJ or DHS may not exercise this discretion if the alien is removable or inadmissible due to certain grounds, including specified crime- and security-related grounds.

The bill also removes certain requirements related to birthright citizenship for a child born outside of the United States to one U.S. citizen parent and one alien parent. Specifically, the bill removes a provision that requires the U.S. citizen parent to be physically present in the United States for at least five years before the child's birth in order for the child to acquire U.S. citizenship at birth.

Actions Timeline

- **Jul 27, 2022:** Subcommittee on Immigration and Citizenship Discharged.
- **Jul 27, 2022:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Jul 27, 2022:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by the Yeas and Nays: 23 - 16.
- **Nov 9, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Citizenship.
- **Apr 30, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **Apr 30, 2021:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.