

## HR 2925

Freedom for Families Act

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Immigration

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

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Citizenship. (Nov 9, 2021)

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### Sponsor

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Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
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Rep. Bass, Karen [D-CA-37]	D · CA		Apr 30, 2021
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Rep. Espaillat, Adriano [D-NY-13]	D · NY		Apr 30, 2021
Rep. Evans, Dwight [D-PA-3]	D · PA		Apr 30, 2021
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Rep. Lee, Barbara [D-CA-13]	D · CA		Apr 30, 2021
Rep. McGovern, James P. [D-MA-2]	D · MA		Apr 30, 2021
Rep. Napolitano, Grace F. [D-CA-32]	D · CA		Apr 30, 2021
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Rep. Pressley, Ayanna [D-MA-7]	D · MA		Apr 30, 2021
Rep. Schakowsky, Janice D. [D-IL-9]	D · IL		Apr 30, 2021
Rep. Smith, Adam [D-WA-9]	D · WA		Apr 30, 2021
Rep. Tlaib, Rashida [D-MI-13]	D · MI		Apr 30, 2021
Rep. Torres, Ritchie [D-NY-15]	D · NY		Apr 30, 2021
Rep. Watson Coleman, Bonnie [D-NJ-12]	D · NJ		Apr 30, 2021
Rep. Welch, Peter [D-VT-At Large]	D · VT		Apr 30, 2021
Rep. Johnson, Henry C. "Hank," Jr. [D-GA-4]	D · GA		May 11, 2021
Rep. Kirkpatrick, Ann [D-AZ-2]	D · AZ		May 11, 2021

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Nov 9, 2021

## Subjects & Policy Tags

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### Policy Area:

Immigration

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 S 1517	Related bill	<b>Apr 29, 2021:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

## Summary (as of Apr 30, 2021)

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### Freedom for Families Act

This bill prohibits using federal funds for facilities used to detain noncitizen families and addresses related issues.

Specifically, no funds made available may be used to operate or construct a family detention center, whether operated by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement or a contractor. This prohibition shall also apply to funds made available before this bill's enactment.

Funds obligated to operate such centers must instead be used for implementing and developing nondetention programs that are community-based and consistent with international best practices.

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) may place an apprehended noncitizen family into such a nondetention program if DHS makes an individualized determination that doing so will facilitate the family's compliance with immigration laws. The programs must provide to participants a legal orientation and meaningful access to counsel.

## Actions Timeline

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- **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.