

HR 3557

Homeland Security Improvement Act

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Immigration

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Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Citizenship. (Nov 1, 2022)

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Sponsor

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

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

Cosponsors (10 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Espaillat, Adriano [D-NY-13]	D · NY		May 28, 2021
Rep. Garcia, Sylvia R. [D-TX-29]	D · TX		May 28, 2021
Rep. Stanton, Greg [D-AZ-9]	D · AZ		Jul 9, 2021
Rep. Vargas, Juan [D-CA-51]	D · CA		Jul 16, 2021
Del. Norton, Eleanor Holmes [D-DC-At Large]	D · DC		Aug 10, 2021
Rep. Ryan, Tim [D-OH-13]	D · OH		Aug 10, 2021
Rep. Green, Al [D-TX-9]	D · TX		Aug 13, 2021
Rep. Hayes, Jahana [D-CT-5]	D · CT		Aug 13, 2021
Rep. McGovern, James P. [D-MA-2]	D · MA		Aug 23, 2021
Rep. Gallego, Ruben [D-AZ-7]	D · AZ		Sep 21, 2021

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Homeland Security Committee	House	Referred to	May 31, 2021
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Nov 1, 2022
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred To	May 28, 2021

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Immigration

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 S 3160	Related bill	Nov 3, 2021: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

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This bill establishes various bodies and policies related to border security operations. It also limits when the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) may separate a child from a parent or legal guardian.

The bill establishes the independent DHS Border Oversight Commission. The commission's duties shall include recommending policies to protect civil rights and improve the safety of U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) and U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) officers.

The bill establishes the Office of the Ombudsman for Border and Immigration Related Concerns. The office shall independently receive and resolve complaints and requests for assistance regarding border security and immigration activities. The office shall have the power to provide redress, including immigration relief and monetary damages.

The bill establishes the Border Community Liaison Office. The office's duties include consulting with communities in sectors on the northern and southern borders when developing policies and programs.

DHS must ensure CBP officers receive continual education and training each year on topics including interaction with vulnerable populations and professional conduct standards.

The bill imposes data collection requirements on law enforcement officials conducting border and immigration-related stops and searches.

A child may not be removed from a parent or legal guardian at or near a port of entry or within 100 miles of the border except in certain instances, such as when a court determines that removal of the child is in the child's best interests.

The bill requires various reports, including a Government Accountability Office report on the use of force by CBP and ICE.

Actions Timeline

- **Nov 1, 2022:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Citizenship.
- **May 31, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Border Security, Facilitation, and Operations.
- **May 28, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **May 28, 2021:** Referred to the Committee on Homeland Security, and in addition to the Committees on the Judiciary, and Ways and Means, 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.