

HR 4828

Border Security for America Act of 2021

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Chamber: House

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Sponsor

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Party: Republican • **State:** NY • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors (68 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Babin, Brian [R-TX-36]	R · TX		Jul 29, 2021
Rep. Cammack, Kat [R-FL-3]	R · FL		Jul 29, 2021
Rep. Clyde, Andrew S. [R-GA-9]	R · GA		Jul 29, 2021
Rep. Comer, James [R-KY-1]	R · KY		Jul 29, 2021
Rep. Emmer, Tom [R-MN-6]	R · MN		Jul 29, 2021
Rep. Garbarino, Andrew R. [R-NY-2]	R · NY		Jul 29, 2021
Rep. Gimenez, Carlos A. [R-FL-26]	R · FL		Jul 29, 2021
Rep. Gonzales, Tony [R-TX-23]	R · TX		Jul 29, 2021
Rep. Granger, Kay [R-TX-12]	R · TX		Jul 29, 2021
Rep. Graves, Sam [R-MO-6]	R · MO		Jul 29, 2021
Rep. Guest, Michael [R-MS-3]	R · MS		Jul 29, 2021
Rep. Harshbarger, Diana [R-TN-1]	R · TN		Jul 29, 2021
Rep. Higgins, Clay [R-LA-3]	R · LA		Jul 29, 2021
Rep. Johnson, Mike [R-LA-4]	R · LA		Jul 29, 2021
Rep. LaTurner, Jake [R-KS-2]	R · KS		Jul 29, 2021
Rep. Malliotakis, Nicole [R-NY-11]	R · NY		Jul 29, 2021
Rep. McCarthy, Kevin [R-CA-23]	R · CA		Jul 29, 2021
Rep. McCaul, Michael T. [R-TX-10]	R · TX		Jul 29, 2021
Rep. McMorris Rodgers, Cathy [R-WA-5]	R · WA		Jul 29, 2021
Rep. Meijer, Peter [R-MI-3]	R · MI		Jul 29, 2021
Rep. Miller-Meeks, Mariannette [R-IA-2]	R · IA		Jul 29, 2021
Rep. Nehls, Troy E. [R-TX-22]	R · TX		Jul 29, 2021
Rep. Norman, Ralph [R-SC-5]	R · SC		Jul 29, 2021
Rep. Pfluger, August [R-TX-11]	R · TX		Jul 29, 2021
Rep. Rogers, Mike D. [R-AL-3]	R · AL		Jul 29, 2021
Rep. Rutherford, John H. [R-FL-4]	R · FL		Jul 29, 2021
Rep. Scalise, Steve [R-LA-1]	R · LA		Jul 29, 2021
Rep. Stefanik, Elise M. [R-NY-21]	R · NY		Jul 29, 2021
Rep. Van Drew, Jefferson [R-NJ-2]	R · NJ		Jul 29, 2021
Rep. Walorski, Jackie [R-IN-2]	R · IN		Jul 29, 2021
Rep. Davis, Rodney [R-IL-13]	R · IL		Aug 3, 2021
Rep. Joyce, David P. [R-OH-14]	R · OH		Aug 3, 2021
Rep. Steube, W. Gregory [R-FL-17]	R · FL		Aug 3, 2021
Rep. Wenstrup, Brad R. [R-OH-2]	R · OH		Aug 23, 2021
Rep. Obernolte, Jay [R-CA-8]	R · CA		Aug 31, 2021
Rep. Tenney, Claudia [R-NY-22]	R · NY		Aug 31, 2021
Rep. Bucshon, Larry [R-IN-8]	R · IN		Sep 3, 2021
Rep. Timmons, William R. IV [R-SC-4]	R · SC		Sep 10, 2021
Rep. Kustoff, David [R-TN-8]	R · TN		Sep 21, 2021
Rep. Moolenaar, John R. [R-MI-4]	R · MI		Sep 21, 2021
Rep. Wittman, Robert J. [R-VA-1]	R · VA		Sep 21, 2021

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Rep. Hartzler, Vicky [R-MO-4]	R · MO		Sep 22, 2021
Rep. Spartz, Victoria [R-IN-5]	R · IN		Sep 22, 2021
Rep. Loudermilk, Barry [R-GA-11]	R · GA		Sep 30, 2021
Rep. Smith, Adrian [R-NE-3]	R · NE		Sep 30, 2021
Rep. Ellzey, Jake [R-TX-6]	R · TX		Oct 5, 2021
Rep. Bilirakis, Gus M. [R-FL-12]	R · FL		Oct 8, 2021
Rep. Pence, Greg [R-IN-6]	R · IN		Oct 8, 2021
Rep. Herrera Beutler, Jaime [R-WA-3]	R · WA		Oct 15, 2021
Rep. Wagner, Ann [R-MO-2]	R · MO		Oct 22, 2021
Rep. Walberg, Tim [R-MI-7]	R · MI		Oct 22, 2021
Rep. Meuser, Daniel [R-PA-9]	R · PA		Jan 6, 2022
Rep. Carey, Mike [R-OH-15]	R · OH		Jan 18, 2022
Rep. Bice, Stephanie I. [R-OK-5]	R · OK		Jan 28, 2022
Rep. Palazzo, Steven M. [R-MS-4]	R · MS		Jan 28, 2022
Rep. Barr, Andy [R-KY-6]	R · KY		Feb 4, 2022
Rep. Steil, Bryan [R-WI-1]	R · WI		Feb 7, 2022
Rep. Hudson, Richard [R-NC-8]	R · NC		Feb 9, 2022
Rep. Bentz, Cliff [R-OR-2]	R · OR		Mar 24, 2022
Rep. Gallagher, Mike [R-WI-8]	R · WI		Mar 24, 2022
Rep. Garcia, Mike [R-CA-25]	R · CA		Mar 24, 2022
Rep. Thompson, Glenn [R-PA-15]	R · PA		Mar 24, 2022
Rep. Franklin, C. Scott [R-FL-15]	R · FL		Mar 30, 2022
Rep. Weber, Randy K., Sr. [R-TX-14]	R · TX		Mar 30, 2022
Rep. Amodei, Mark E. [R-NV-2]	R · NV		Jul 13, 2022
Rep. Conway, Connie [R-CA-22]	R · CA		Jul 26, 2022
Rep. Valadao, David G. [R-CA-21]	R · CA		Aug 12, 2022
Rep. Lamborn, Doug [R-CO-5]	R · CO		Aug 26, 2022

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Agriculture Committee	House	Referred to	Aug 13, 2021
Homeland Security Committee	House	Referred to	Jul 30, 2021
Homeland Security Committee	House	Referred to	Jul 30, 2021
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred to	Jul 29, 2021

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Immigration

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HR 6637	Related bill	Nov 1, 2022: Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Citizenship.
117 S 3130	Related bill	Nov 2, 2021: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
117 HR 4138	Related bill	Jun 25, 2021: Referred to the Subcommittee on Border Security, Facilitation, and Operations.
117 S 1709	Related bill	May 19, 2021: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.
117 HR 3130	Related bill	May 13, 2021: Referred to the Subcommittee on Border Security, Facilitation, and Operations.
117 HR 2729	Related bill	Apr 22, 2021: Referred to the Subcommittee on Border Security, Facilitation, and Operations.

Summary (as of Jul 29, 2021)

Border Security for America Act of 2021

This bill addresses border security and related issues.

For example, the bill

- requires the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to resume all activities to construct a border barrier system along the U.S.-Mexico border that were underway or planned prior to January 20, 2021;
- requires DHS to deploy, in addition to physical barriers, tactical infrastructure and technology to achieve situational awareness and operational control of the southwest border;
- authorizes U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) to carry out a program to acquire innovative commercial items through a competitive selection of proposals;
- imposes certain requirements for DHS border security technology acquisition programs that have a total expenditure of at least \$300 million;
- requires CBP to implement certain technologies, including a program to establish a biometric exit data system at ports of entry;
- requires CBP to increase or maintain certain staffing levels for agents, officers, processing coordinators, and other positions;
- requires CBP to implement a workload staffing model for the U.S. Border Patrol and for CBP's Air and Marine Operations; and
- provides statutory authority through FY2026 for Operation Stonegarden, a Federal Emergency Management Agency program that provides grants to states and territories involved in certain active CBP border security operations.

Actions Timeline

- **Aug 13, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Biotechnology, Horticulture, and Research.
- **Jul 30, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Border Security, Facilitation, and Operations.
- **Jul 30, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Oversight, Management, and Accountability.
- **Jul 29, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **Jul 29, 2021:** Referred to the Committee on Homeland Security, and in addition to the Committees on Agriculture, 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.
- **Jul 29, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Trade.