

## HR 5924

Keep STEM Talent Act of 2021

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Immigration

**Introduced:** Nov 9, 2021

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

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

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Foster, Bill [D-IL-11]

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

### Cosponsors (4 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Eshoo, Anna G. [D-CA-18]	D · CA		Nov 9, 2021
Rep. Johnson, Eddie Bernice [D-TX-30]	D · TX		Nov 9, 2021
Rep. Ross, Deborah K. [D-NC-2]	D · NC		Nov 9, 2021
Rep. Cohen, Steve [D-TN-9]	D · TN		Nov 14, 2022

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Nov 1, 2022

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Immigration

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 S 3638	Related bill	<b>Feb 10, 2022:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (text: CR S648-649)

## Keep STEM Talent Act of 2021

This bill exempts certain aliens with advanced degrees in a science, technology, engineering, or mathematics (STEM) field from direct limitations on the number of immigrant visas granted per year. Specifically, the alien must (1) have earned a master's level or higher degree in certain STEM fields while in the United States attending an accredited higher education institution, (2) be employed (or have a job offer) in a field related to the degree and earn at least the median wage for that occupation, and (3) meet certain labor certification requirements.

The bill also allows an alien seeking a nonimmigrant F-1 (student) visa to obtain an advanced STEM degree to have dual intent. Specifically, such an alien may obtain the nonimmigrant visa or change nonimmigrant status even if the alien intends to seek lawful permanent resident status. (Generally, an alien may be denied a nonimmigrant visa if the alien actually intends to seek immigrant status, unless dual intent is allowed for that type of visa.)

## Actions Timeline

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- **Nov 1, 2022:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Citizenship.
- **Nov 9, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **Nov 9, 2021:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.