

S 1444

Border Patrol Enhancement Act

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Immigration

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Lankford, James [R-OK]

Party: Republican • **State:** OK • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (4 total)

| Cosponsor | Party / State | Role | Date Joined |
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| Sen. Sinema, Kyrsten [I-AZ] | I · AZ | | May 4, 2023 |
| Sen. Hassan, Margaret Wood [D-NH] | D · NH | | Jul 26, 2023 |
| Sen. Kelly, Mark [D-AZ] | D · AZ | | Jul 26, 2023 |
| Sen. Tillis, Thomas [R-NC] | R · NC | | Jul 26, 2023 |

Committee Activity

| Committee | Chamber | Activity | Date |
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| Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee | Senate | Reported By | Dec 9, 2024 |

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Immigration

Related Bills

| Bill | Relationship | Last Action |
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| 118 HR 2670 | Related bill | Dec 22, 2023: Became Public Law No: 118-31. |
| 118 S 2226 | Related bill | Jul 27, 2023: Senate ordered measure printed as passed. |
| 118 HR 2837 | Related bill | Apr 25, 2023: Referred to the House Committee on Oversight and Accountability. |

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This bill addresses various issues related to U.S. Border Patrol staffing.

The bill establishes for the U.S. Border Patrol an authorized personnel level of 20,500 agents, which may be adjusted by the Department of Homeland Security using a validated personnel requirements determination model required by this bill. Specifically, the U.S. Border Patrol must complete a personnel requirements determination model and contract with a research entity to analyze the validity of the model.

The bill also provides for higher minimum pay rates for agents.

Furthermore, the U.S. Border Patrol must require agents, employees, and certain contract employees to participate in continuing education on various topics, including (1) the nonlethal use of force policies and de-escalation strategies; (2) identifying and responding to vulnerable populations, such as children and victims of human trafficking; and (3) relevant cultural, societal, racial, and religious training.

Actions Timeline

- **Dec 9, 2024:** Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. Reported by Senator Peters with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. With written report No. 118-267.
- **Dec 9, 2024:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 670.
- **Jul 19, 2023:** Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.
- **May 4, 2023:** Introduced in Senate
- **May 4, 2023:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.