

HR 2580

Ensuring United Families at the Border Act

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Immigration

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Latest Action: Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary. (Apr 13, 2023)

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Biggs, Andy [R-AZ-5]

Party: Republican • State: AZ • Chamber: House

Cosponsors (11 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Boebert, Lauren [R-CO-3]	R · CO		Apr 13, 2023
Rep. Crane, Elijah [R-AZ-2]	R · AZ		Apr 13, 2023
Rep. Fry, Russell [R-SC-7]	R · SC		Apr 13, 2023
Rep. Gaetz, Matt [R-FL-1]	R · FL		Apr 13, 2023
Rep. Good, Bob [R-VA-5]	R · VA		Apr 13, 2023
Rep. Gosar, Paul A. [R-AZ-9]	R · AZ		Apr 13, 2023
Rep. Nehls, Troy E. [R-TX-22]	R · TX		Apr 13, 2023
Rep. Roy, Chip [R-TX-21]	R · TX		Apr 13, 2023
Rep. Burlison, Eric [R-MO-7]	R · MO		Apr 17, 2023
Rep. Weber, Randy K., Sr. [R-TX-14]	R · TX		Apr 17, 2023
Rep. Babin, Brian [R-TX-36]	R · TX		May 9, 2023

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred To	Apr 13, 2023

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Immigration

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
118 HR 2	Related bill	Dec 17, 2024: Referred to the Subcommittee on Social Security.
118 HR 2640	Related bill	Dec 17, 2024: Referred to the Subcommittee on Trade.
118 S 2824	Related bill	Jan 11, 2024: Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. Hearings held.
118 HR 5525	Related bill	Sep 29, 2023: Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
118 S 685	Related bill	Mar 7, 2023: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Summary (as of Apr 13, 2023)

Ensuring United Families at the Border Act

This bill addresses the treatment of children who are non-U.S. nationals (*aliens* under federal law), including by statutorily establishing that there is no presumption that such a child (other than an unaccompanied child) should not be detained for immigration purposes.

Specifically, the bill states that the detention of such minors shall be governed by specified sections of the Immigration and Nationality Act and not any other provision of law, judicial ruling, or settlement agreement.

(A 1997 settlement agreement, commonly known as the *Flores* agreement, imposes requirements relating to the treatment of detained alien minors, including requiring such minors to be released or placed in a nonsecure facility after a certain amount of time in detention.)

If an adult enters the United States unlawfully with their child, DHS must detain the adult and child together if the only criminal charge against the adult is a misdemeanor for unlawful entry.

This bill also prohibits states from imposing licensing requirements on immigration detention facilities used to detain minors or families with minors.

Actions Timeline

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