

HR 2794

Border Reinforcement Act of 2023

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Immigration

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Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Trade. (Dec 17, 2024)

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Green, Mark E. [R-TN-7]

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

Cosponsors (24 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Bishop, Dan [R-NC-8]	R · NC		Apr 24, 2023
Rep. Brecheen, Josh [R-OK-2]	R · OK		Apr 24, 2023
Rep. Crane, Elijah [R-AZ-2]	R · AZ		Apr 24, 2023
Rep. D'Esposito, Anthony [R-NY-4]	R · NY		Apr 24, 2023
Rep. Ezell, Mike [R-MS-4]	R · MS		Apr 24, 2023
Rep. Garbarino, Andrew R. [R-NY-2]	R · NY		Apr 24, 2023
Rep. Gimenez, Carlos A. [R-FL-28]	R · FL		Apr 24, 2023
Rep. Gonzales, Tony [R-TX-23]	R · TX		Apr 24, 2023
Rep. Greene, Marjorie Taylor [R-GA-14]	R · GA		Apr 24, 2023
Rep. Guest, Michael [R-MS-3]	R · MS		Apr 24, 2023
Rep. Higgins, Clay [R-LA-3]	R · LA		Apr 24, 2023
Rep. LaLota, Nick [R-NY-1]	R · NY		Apr 24, 2023
Rep. Lee, Laurel M. [R-FL-15]	R · FL		Apr 24, 2023
Rep. Luttrell, Morgan [R-TX-8]	R · TX		Apr 24, 2023
Rep. McCaul, Michael T. [R-TX-10]	R · TX		Apr 24, 2023
Rep. Pfluger, August [R-TX-11]	R · TX		Apr 24, 2023
Rep. Strong, Dale W. [R-AL-5]	R · AL		Apr 24, 2023
Rep. Bean, Aaron [R-FL-4]	R · FL		Apr 28, 2023
Rep. Edwards, Chuck [R-NC-11]	R · NC		Apr 28, 2023
Rep. Ellzey, Jake [R-TX-6]	R · TX		Apr 28, 2023
Rep. Nehls, Troy E. [R-TX-22]	R · TX		Apr 28, 2023
Rep. Reschenthaler, Guy [R-PA-14]	R · PA		Apr 28, 2023
Rep. Sessions, Pete [R-TX-17]	R · TX		May 2, 2023
Rep. Pence, Greg [R-IN-6]	R · IN		May 5, 2023

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Homeland Security Committee	House	Reported By	May 5, 2023
Judiciary Committee	House	Discharged From	May 5, 2023
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred to	Dec 17, 2024

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 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 1857	Related bill	Jun 7, 2023: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.
118 HR 2557	Related bill	Apr 10, 2023: Referred to the House Committee on Homeland Security.
118 HR 1703	Related bill	Mar 22, 2023: Referred to the Subcommittee on Transportation and Maritime Security.
118 S 918	Related bill	Mar 22, 2023: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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This bill requires certain actions related to border security and addresses related issues.

For example, the bill

- requires the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to resume all activities related to constructing a wall along the U.S.-Mexico border that were underway or planned prior to January 20, 2021;
- requires U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) to submit a strategic five-year technology investment plan to Congress;
- requires CBP to maintain an active duty presence of at least 22,000 full-time equivalent Border Patrol agents by September 30, 2025;
- provides statutory authorization for Operation Stonegarden, a program which provides grants to law enforcement agencies involved with certain CBP operations;
- prohibits DHS from processing the entry of non-U.S. nationals (*aliens* under federal law) arriving in between ports of entry;
- prohibits the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) from accepting as proof of identification certain documents, such as a warrant issued by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) or an employment authorization issued by DHS;
- prohibits DHS from issuing any COVID-19 vaccine mandate unless expressly authorized by Congress or taking any adverse action against an employee based solely on the employee's refusal to receive a COVID-19 vaccine;
- limits the use of the CBP One mobile application or a similar program to only for inspecting perishable cargo; and
- requires the Government Accountability Office to study and report to Congress on the costs incurred by states in support of the federal mission to secure the southwest border and the feasibility of reimbursing states for such costs.

Actions Timeline

- **Dec 17, 2024:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Trade.
- **May 5, 2023:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Homeland Security. H. Rept. 118-45, Part I.
- **May 5, 2023:** Committee on Ways and Means discharged.
- **May 5, 2023:** Committee on the Judiciary discharged.
- **May 5, 2023:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 29.
- **Apr 27, 2023:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Apr 27, 2023:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by the Yeas and Nays: 18 - 15.
- **Apr 26, 2023:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Apr 24, 2023:** Introduced in House
- **Apr 24, 2023:** Referred to the Committee on Homeland Security, and in addition to the Committees on Ways and Means, and the Judiciary, 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.